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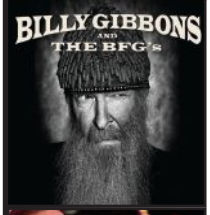

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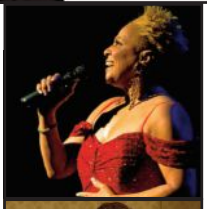

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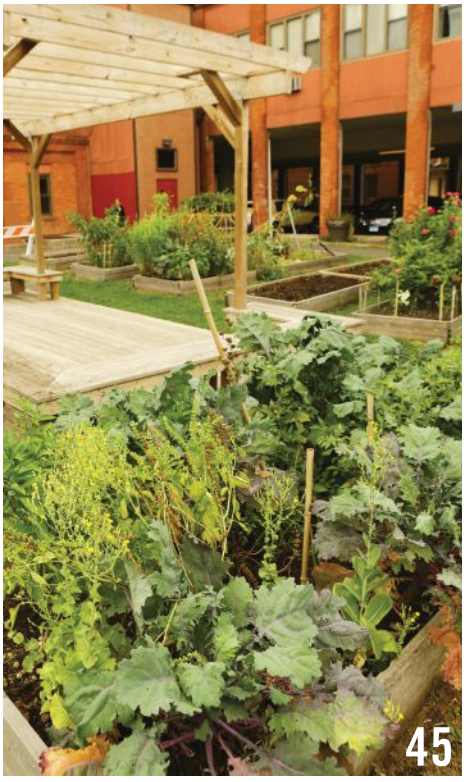

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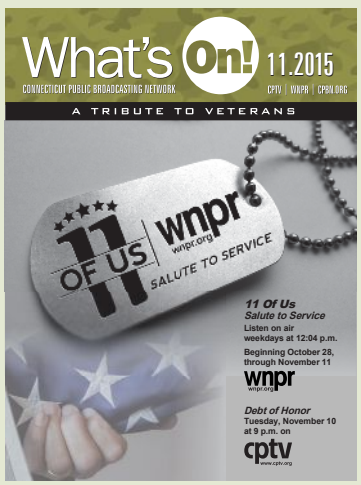

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The Rating Game

Chances are that you have already peeked ahead in this issue to see how your hometown fared in our biennial "Rating the Towns" feature. That's okay—it's human nature to want to know how the place you live measures up to the ones around it.

Of course, I immediately think of the old Erma Bombeck line: "The grass is always greener over the septic tank." Not that any of the towns in Connecticut are repositories of filth—far, FAR from it. In fact, compared to a vast majority of human civilization, we live in a remarkable place: miles and miles of gorgeous countryside and manicured lawns; clean drinking water from pretty much every tap; a mind-boggling array of food, shopping and dining choices; almost every convenience life can offer; access to the newest technology and finest medical care; no plagues or widespread starvation . . . .

Seriously, if you rank Connecticut (and the U.S., in general) against the rest of the world, we're near or at the top of the list. So as you peruse the rankings in this issue, keep in mind the "lowest" place in any grouping is still, on the whole, a pretty amazing spot to call home.

I also always feel a need to say what makes a town ideal for anyone is subjective, therefore making "Rating the Towns" an attempt to quantify what is essentially unquantifiable. For instance, I have lived in Shelton for the last 20 years, and although it doesn't show up "high" in its group, between its relative affordable cost of living, ideal proximity to the rest of my family and friends, and general convenience to everything else, there's no place I would have rather raised my two sons.

Another article in this issue also reminds me of how fortunate we are in terms of where we live. On page 50 starts "Thomas Dodd at Nuremberg," a compelling piece by Terese Karmel chronicling the experience of the former U.S. Senator from Connecticut at the notorious Nuremberg Trial of Nazi leaders that occurred 70 years ago. Even on our worst days here in Connecticut, there is nothing that can compare to the mass horrors perpetrated in the German concentration camps of World War II, or even the general destruction and loss of life that comes with such large-scale conflict.

Finally, on a much lighter and positive note, there's "From Forgotten to Functional" (page 45) by Erik Ofgang, which looks at the ongoing effort to renovate and repurpose many of the empty factories and old mills that still dot the state landscape. It's a thoughtful reminder that a place that may have been abandoned and forgotten can once again be a beautiful, thriving and functional cornerstone in any town.

And as always, we hope that this issue will "rank" among your favorites. Enjoy!

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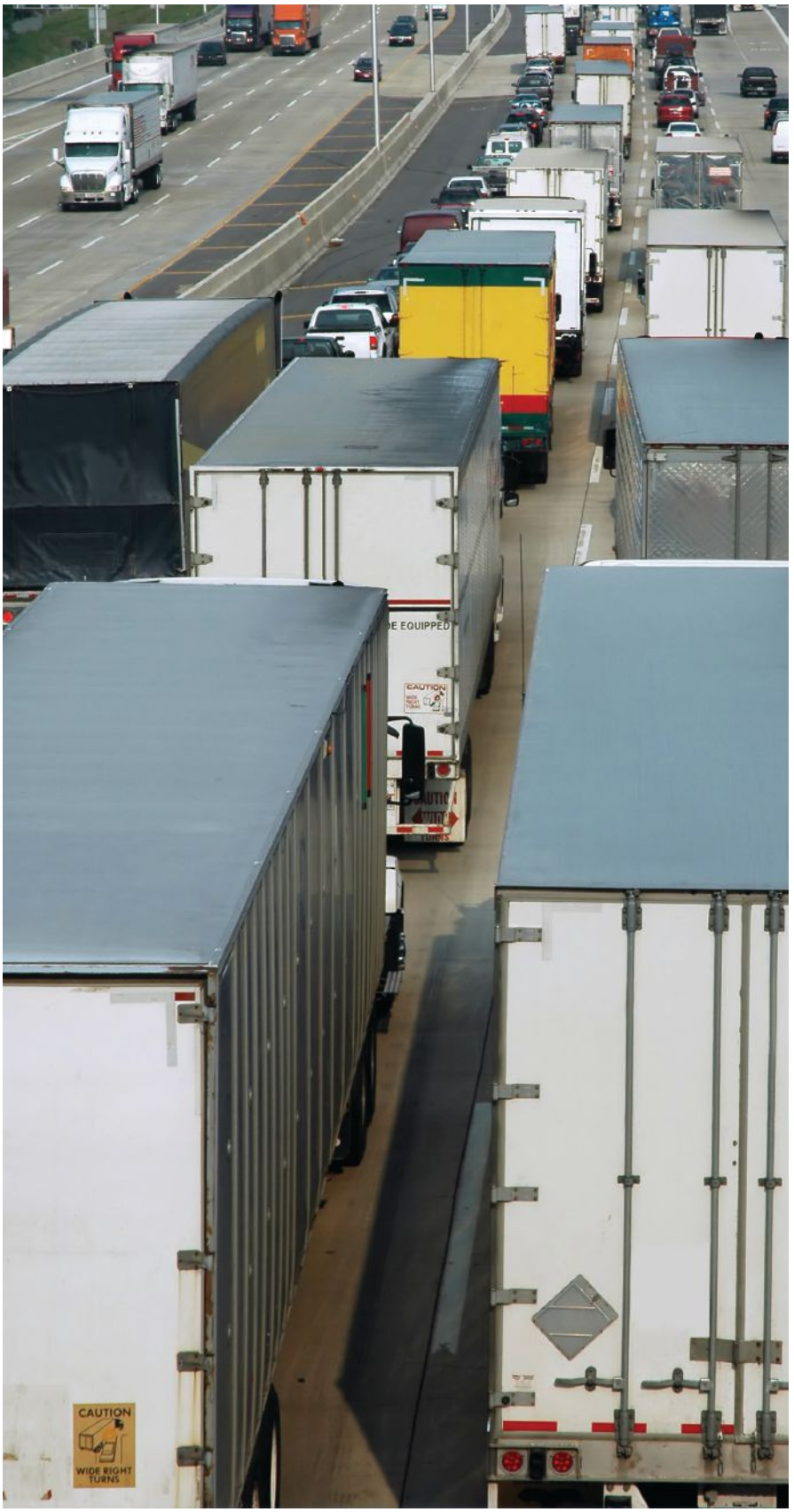

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Open Roads?

A PUSH TO CHANGE TRUCKING REGULATIONS HAS SOME OBSERVERS PUMPING THE BRAKES.

The 2002 Oldsmobile motored southbound on I-95 in New Haven. It was a sunny day in August of 2014 and Gwendolyn Buskey was driving the car, which her mother had loaned her. Her passenger was Vera Mercer, a pregnant friend who Buskey was driving to Bridgeport Hospital for a scheduled caesarian section.

Around exit 46, a tractor-trailer in front of Buskey's vehicle slowed down due to traffic congestion. Buskey started to reduce speed as well. Behind her was another tractor-trailer driven by Fidel Rodriguez of Reading, Pa.

Highway safety analysts say it's a common scenario.

"Many accidents involve trucks rear-ending vehicles that have stopped or slowed because of accidents or roadwork," wrote Howard Abramson in an August editorial in the *New York Times*. He added, "More people will be killed in traffic accidents involving large trucks this year than have died in all of the domestic commercial airline crashes over the past 45 years, if past trends hold true."

When Buskey's car stopped, the tractor-trailer behind her rear-ended her vehicle smashing the car into the tractor-trailer in front of her. The car was crushed and Buskey, 53, was pronounced dead at the scene. Firefighters rushed to cut Mercer out of the car in the hope that she and her baby would survive.

Trucks are clearly a vital part of the nation's economy and truck drivers—who have rigorous license requirements—are not to blame for most trucking accidents; according to the most recent federal tallies, only about one out of three truck-involved accidents are the fault of the truck operator. However, members of the trucking industry are currently supporting changes to federal rules they believe will increase trucking viability without compromising safety, but which are creating concern for some highway safety experts.

Federal highway legislation debated in Washington over the summer included provisions that would lower the minimum age for drivers of large trucks that are allowed to travel from state to state to 18, from 21. Also being discussed is allowing truck drivers to work 82 hours a week (up from the current 70 hours over eight days) by axing a rule that mandates drivers take a 34-hour rest break over two nights. Congress has also explored allowing longer and heavier trucks, and has discouraged the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration from investing in wireless technology that would better monitor drivers and their vehicles.

The bill stalled during the summer, with Connecticut senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy both voting against it. However, the debate over its merits will soon resume as a stopgap measure enacted by Congress to continue funding federal roads expires in November.

Connecticut has a strong trucking presence thanks to its position between New York City and Boston and the role I-84 and I-95 play as major trucking routes. According to the state's Department of Transportation, about 10 percent of the traffic on the state's interstate system is trucks. In 2014, there were 4,637 accidents involving large trucks in Connecticut; 662 of these accidents caused injuries including 20 deaths. Twenty fatalities is still only less than ten percent of the more than 200 people who die annually in car accidents in Connecticut, but it is a troubling number nonetheless.

Nationally, according to Abramson, heavy trucks accounted for less than 10 percent of the total miles traveled during 2013 but were involved in 12.5 percent of all fatal accidents and about one-quarter of fatal accidents occurring in work zones. The death toll from truck-involved crashes rose 17 percent from 2009 to 2013, reaching 3,964 deaths in 2013, including 586 truck drivers or passengers.

"The trucking industry has some physics working against it," Abramson tells *Connecticut Magazine* in a phone interview. Abramson, a Connecticut native and journalist who has covered transportation for decades, adds, "When you have a vehicle that has a 53-foot long trailer and up to 80,000 pounds of stuff in it operating around cars that are 3,000 or 4,000 pounds and are substantially smaller, you have issues."

In the accident that killed Buskey, Mercer was rescued by New Haven firefighters who were able to cut her from the car wreck, and get her to an ambulance that rushed her to Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Abramson says increased regulation of the industry would slow the trucking supply train, driving up costs, but he believes it will save money in the long run when the cost of accidents are factored in. "We all want an efficient and effective supply chain, we want to be able to order something from Amazon on Monday morning and have it on Wednesday, if not on Tuesday," he says. "But, as a society, we need to decide if we are willing to spend a little more to tell the trucking industry to slow down or take whatever [steps] are necessary."

Trucking industry insiders say they are easy targets for Abramson and others, and that the easing of regulations they are pushing for have been misconstrued.

Michael Riley, president of the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut, which advocates for the trucking industry in the state, supports proposed changes to the requirements of a trucker's work week. "The railroad finance interests are attempting to create some type of hysteria about the notion that we're going to make truck drivers operate 80 hours a week, which is not what we want to do," he says.

The proposed change to regulations would technically allow truck drivers to work 82 hours a week, up from the current 70 hours over eight days, by suspending the aforementioned rule that drivers take a 34-hour rest break over two nights in order to restart their work week. But Riley and others say the proposed rule change merely allows drivers to take more than one two-day break each week should they need or want to—and eases a restriction that these breaks include two periods between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., a prime time for truckers to travel without interfering with everyday traffic.

"Nobody is suggesting that we beat drivers into a pulp. We want our drivers to be safe and rested. We have important work to do, we supply this country with the things it needs everyday, but putting all the trucks in this country on the road on Monday morning is an illogical unsafe situation. It was proposed by bureaucrats," Riley says.

As far as allowing 18-year-olds to drive tractor-trailers across state lines, Riley points out that the trucking industry has a chronic workforce shortage and that 18-year-old drivers already operate within Connecticut without wide-scale complaints or problems.

Though Riley admits young drivers are statistically less safe regardless of what type of vehicle they're driving, he says 18-year-olds selected as truck drivers will be vigorously vetted. "We're very careful about who we put in our trucks. We don't put cowboys and Indians into vehicles that are worth a hundred thousand dollars and are full of other people's stuff," he says.

It's a point advocates for increased trucking and highway regulation are not ready to concede.

"We worry about younger, inexperienced drivers behind the wheels of cars, so putting them behind the wheel of a large truck just makes no sense," says Russ Rader, a spokesperson for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Rader points to studies indicating that truck drivers younger than 21 and in their twenties have a higher rate of involvement in both fatal and nonfatal crashes than older drivers.

The federal government sets most regulations specific to the trucking industry, relying on states for enforcement. Connecticut has multiple weigh stations and truck inspection teams. According to Riley, it is a state where regulations are actively enforced.

"Trucking is vitally important to the economy of the state of Connecticut; without them we are third world," says Kevin Nursick, a spokesperson for the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

In addition to truck-specific laws, Rader says states have the power to greatly reduce accident risk of all kinds by lowering speed limits. "Instead of controlling speeds, we have states going in the opposite direction—we have them raising speed limits. It's just the laws of physics: Higher speeds make crashes worse when they happen and makes them more likely to happen."

Abramson says that in the 1960s under Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut was a leading advocate for highway safety. "Connecticut was probably the first enforcer of speed limits and pioneered highway radar enforcement, and as a result, Ribicoff was able to bring the highway death toll in Connecticut way down. After he was out of office, all of this stuff eroded, so Connecticut became an average state."

In addition to laws and regulations, technology can play a role in making trucks safer. Anti-lock brakes, electronic stability control, airbags and collision-avoidance devices are available and sold with many heavy trucks in Europe, but the U.S. is still working on adding the most cutting-edge of these features to the majority of its trucking fleets. According to safety advocates, currently only about 3 percent of Class 8 heavy trucks are equipped with collision-avoidance technology.

Riley says the trucking industry is in favor of any technology that makes trucks safer. "We want speed limiters on trucks," he says. He adds it is also an industry that is in favor of regulations, "We, the trucking industry, asked for the commercial drivers licenses; previous to that drivers could have a license from 10 different states and spread out their violations over those various states."

After the accident that killed her friend, Mercer arrived at Yale-New Haven where her child was delivered by C-section and was healthy. Mercer also recovered. More than year after the accident the state police have not determined a cause, and the investigation remains open.

Although Buskey died in the crash and Mercer and her baby's survival was called "miraculous" by observers, the drivers of both tractor-trailers were unharmed. | E.O. |

Greenwich Whiz Kid Named Google Science Fair Grand Prize Winner

A POTENTIAL NEW TEST DEVELOPED BY THE 17-YEAR-OLD MAY SOMEDAY HELP LIMIT THE SPREAD OF EBOLA.

Olivia Hallisey was horrified.

Last year, the student at Greenwich High School read about the toll the Ebola outbreak, which started in December 2013, was taking on countries in Africa. So far, the outbreak, which has slowed, has infected more than 28,000 and claimed more than 11,000 lives, mainly in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. When the outbreak was at its height, Hallisey saw beyond the numbers and realized that each death was more than just an individual tragedy.

"If a parent dies, then there's a generation of orphans," she says. Hallisey decided to use her school time in her science research class at Greenwich High School to try and help slow the outbreak, or at least future outbreaks like it.

Hallisey learned that one reason Ebola is able to spread is due to a lack of a proper diagnosis of the disease before the symptoms are visible. The most popular testing methods are expensive kits needing electricity, refrigeration and a lab setting with trained technicians—all difficult requirements in developing areas of Africa, especially those devastated by an Ebola epidemic.

Hallisey researched this problem and has developed a yet-to-be-tested method for Ebola testing that is cheap, portable and easy to use. She believes it can help limit the damage of future Ebola outbreaks—and Google agrees.

In September, the 17-year-old junior was named the Grand Prize winner in Google's Global Science Fair. As part of the award, she will receive a $50,000 scholarship from the tech giant.

Hallisey's Ebola test is designed to be done on a card where chemical reagents would react with Ebola's antigens. A silk film would keep the reagents at room temperature, therefore refrigeration and electricity would not be necessary. The test would take only 30 minutes and cost just $25. "It can be done in the field with minimal training. It's basically like a pregnancy test for Ebola," Hallisey says.

Hallisey entered Google's Science Fair after participating in the Connecticut Science Fair and the Intel ISEF Fair in Pittsburgh in the spring. Before she was named the winner, Google announced 20 finalists by live streaming video on an online chat. Of the 20 finalists, Hallisey's was the last name announced. As the other winners were named, she began to doubt she would be selected. "I was listening to all these amazing project titles from all these people around the world," she recalls. "When I heard my name I was so excited because I was in such great company with all these people whose inventions were so inspiring."

Hallisey is working to get her Ebola test to the masses. She has applied for a patent, and if that is successful, she says, "The next step would be working with an organization like Doctors Without Borders to actually test it in the field."

She also says the same method could be used to test for a host of other diseases. "It can become a diagnostic tool for Lyme, cilia, HIV and more," she says.

Beyond science, Hallisey has a passion for competitive swimming. Once she graduates high school, she hopes to enter the medical field. "I want to be a doctor. My grandfather was a doctor and I'm really inspired by doctors," she says. | E.O. |

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Paul Gallant and Lynn Felici-Gallant with their now cancer-free golden retriever, Hunter.

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ONE MAN'S PASSION FOR HIS DOG'S HEALTH HAS LAUNCHED A CUSTOM PET FOOD COMPANY.

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Instead of surgery, after consulting Dr. Hannah Wells, a holistic veterinarian who practices Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine at Health and Wellness Animal Hospital in North Hampton, N.H., the Gallants changed Hunter's diet, replacing mass-produced, highly processed dog food with homemade, healthy food, lovingly prepared by Paul.

Five years later, Hunter is still very much alive and the food that fueled his survival is now giving dogs across Connecticut and beyond something to wag their tails about.

In April 2014, the Gallants (now living in New Milford) launched Paul's Custom Pet Food, a line of gently cooked real pet foods created in small batches with local sustainably raised ingredients. "[We're able to say] here's what's in it, and here's where it comes from, unlike so many of the mass-produced foods where you're not really sure what's in there," Paul says.

The Gallants have several recipes including ones that feature chicken and beef. The beef recipes include ground liver and heart while the chicken includes the heart, liver and gizzard, all organs dogs would naturally consume in the wild. The chicken used is Bell & Evans. Other ingredients include kale, broccoli, sweet potatoes, parsley, brown rice, red kidney beans, mushrooms and barley. There are also grain-free options available.

The dog food is available through the website paulscustompetfood.com as well as weekly at the Westport Farmers' Market, the New Canaan Farmers' Market and Old Greenwich Farmers' Market.

Paul will personally deliver the food to many towns in Connecticut and it is shipped frozen to locations east of the Mississippi River. The company also offers a dog cookie that isn't frozen and ships anywhere.

Prior to starting Paul's Custom Pet Food, Gallant had worked in masonry, but helped by his wife's promotional abilities as a writer, decided to take the plunge and open the business. Though the company has only been in existence for a little over a year, pet owners are already responding positively. "They notice their dogs' coats are cleaner and softer, and they have more energy," Paul says.

As much as people appreciate the effort behind the product, they're not quite as enthusiastic as their furry, four-legged friends. "The people don't respond as well as the dogs do," Paul says. "People are really liking it but the dogs love it."

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BY KATE HARTMAN

THE ORGANIZATION: Quilts That Care

THE STORY: In 2012, Watertown resident Deborah Van Steenbergen was sitting with her husband Bob at the Harold Leever Regional Cancer Center in Waterbury while he received treatment for brain cancer when she had an idea. Many other patients would come in for treatment alone without any support or comfort, and she wanted to do something for them. She thought that she and some of her friends could use their skills and passion as quilters to create something that would bring a little brightness to their situation.

Quilts that Care, Inc. was founded in 2012 with a modest goal—12 quilts by the end of 2012 for the patients at the Harold Leever Cancer Center. In just a matter of months, the small group of friends expanded to more than 40 volunteers and created 107 quilts by the end of the year. Those quilts were donated to Harold Leever, Yale/Smilow in New Haven, Saint Mary's VITAS in Waterbury, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London and various individuals.

The nonprofit has continued to grow every year.

"There were four of us," says founding member Edna Z. Wells. "I got involved because my husband is a cancer survivor, and I worked with Deb. When she found out my husband got sick, she would ask me how I was and how he was."

Many involved with Quilts that Care have been touched by cancer in some way, but Wells says the group is respectful of everyone's privacy. "If someone is willing to talk about it, we listen," she says. The comfort extends to the quilters, not just the patients who receive the gifts.

"We've received wonderful support. The Women's Enterprise Initiative mentored us," says Wells. "We would meet with a mentor who helped us draft our business plan. These are the steps we'd like to take. We have a board of directors. We're a 501c3, so we have their guidance as well."

Over the last three years, Quilts that Care has continued acquiring volunteers and they have finished more than 900 quilts, which are routinely donated to eight hospitals across the state. In addition to the original five, the organization has built partnerships with Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Middlebury, the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain and Bristol Hospital as well. The hope is to eventually expand into the Hartford area.

It's all made possible by the hard work of the volunteers, who meet at four different locations throughout the month to quilt—at the Bristol Public Library, the Harold Leever Regional Cancer Center, Gar-Kenyon on Naugatuck and, most recently, The Litchfield Community Center.

"You don't have to have experience," says Wells. "One of our primary goals is to retain volunteers and bring in new volunteers by offering workshops to our members.

"The group in Waterbury has been meeting since 2012, and they've gotten to be friends. They offer tips in quilting. They've come a long way in skill level," Wells continues. "It's a camaraderie. Some are already experienced but have no one to give it to. Now they can use that creativity to do good for someone else."

The vast majority of the organization's materials are donated and an annual fund-raiser helps to cover other costs. The group is always looking for donations and volunteers, and is currently searching for new space to store materials.

"We have goals in mind," says Wells. "We have to grow according to our ability. Supplying seven or eight hospitals, that's our capacity right now. In opening at the Litchfield Community Center, we hope to increase our capacity."

Visit *quiltsthatcare.org* to learn about getting involved.

If you have an organization with an event that you'd like us to consider for the Community page, please send the details to khartman@connecticutmag.com.

The women who are the heart of Quilts that Care (from left): Diane Page from Meriden, and from Watertown, Andrea Dooley-King, Deb Van Steenbergen, Maura Yerger and Teri Cook.

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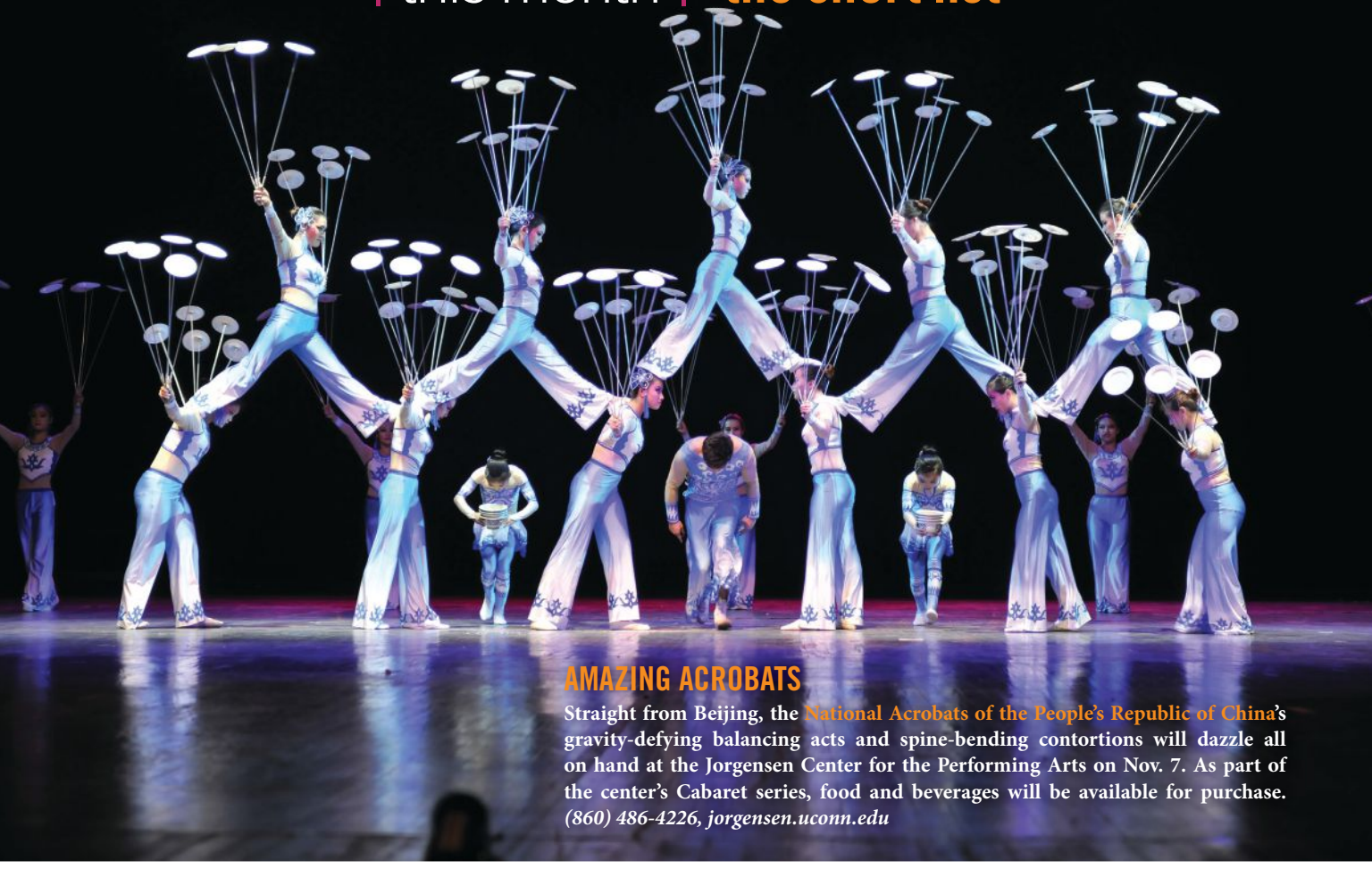

AMAZING ACROBATS

Straight from Beijing, the National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China's gravity-defying balancing acts and spine-bending contortions will dazzle all on hand at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on Nov. 7. As part of the center's Cabaret series, food and beverages will be available for purchase. ***(860) 486-4226, jorgensen.uconn.edu***

MARTIN & MARTIN

Comedy giants Steve Martin and Martin Short are teaming up for a night of live comedy and music at the Toyota Oakdale Theatre on Nov. 8. The show, titled **"A Very Stupid Conversation,"** will delight audiences with a barrage of stand-up, musical numbers (some featuring the bluegrass band Steep Canyon Rangers), film clips and discussion about their experiences in show business. Don't miss this! *(203) 269-8721, oakdale.com*

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TODD MCMILLAN - NOT FAR NOW STUDIOS

Deemed "the poet-prophet of alternative medicine" by *Time* in 1999, **Deepak Chopra** is perhaps the best-known face of the holistic health movement. As the author of 80 books and a well-known public speaker, Chopra has imparted his unique brand of medicine—which combines modern medical practices with spiritual elements including yoga, meditation and Ayurveda—to the masses, and has influenced how many people now take care of themselves.

His latest book, *Super Genes,* co-written with Rudolph E. Tanzi, Ph.D, explores the understanding of our genes and explains how simple lifestyle changes can boost our genetic activity, even radically improving our health in ways previously thought impossible. Chopra will be at R.J. Julia Booksellers on Nov. 12.

Tell us about the research in your new book.

First of all, most people don't even know what a gene is. We need to be careful about what DNA is. When people use the word 'DNA' they mean something very specific. DNA stands for deoxyribonucleic acid, and it has four chemicals associated with it—in short, ATCG. You can say that all life is four alphabets. All life, from the life of bacteria to the life of a banana to the life of an animal to you. It's amazing actually. That's DNA. A gene is a stretch of DNA that codes for a protein. We have 23,000 genes housed in 46 chromosomes. That's a few less than in a potato.

We can activate our own genes?

Many things have become very clear about disease mutation, which is a variant from the normal. It's a typo or a spelling mistake. These mutations can cause disease. Only 5 percent of disease-related mutations are fully penetrant, meaning not preventative. You get those early in life. The other disease-related mutations are not fully penetrant, and they are influenced by lifestyle. So if you get good sleep, meditate, exercise, do yoga and breathing exercises, have healthy emotions, eat food not poisoned by pesticides or GMOs and don't have too much sugar in your diet, you can influence not your gene in the sequence, but you can influence the activity of your genes. What I'm saying in this book is through proper lifestyle management, we can regulate biological destiny unless we have those 5 percent fully penetrant mutations.

What does this mean for long-term health?

When you look at Alzheimer's, only few [mutations] are fully penetrant. The rest are influenced by lifestyle. People used to say, 'There's heart disease in my family, that's why I have it.' For the vast majority of people that doesn't have to be true. You can change your susceptibility to heart disease. You can prevent and reverse it.

Is this just the beginning of this research?

Yes, this is a good time for all of us who are talking about the mind. This is the beginning of a new era.

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Near: New at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum

"Breaking Cobalt," by Michael DesRosiers, polymer paint on cradled MDF, 48 x 48 x 5 ½ inches.

A New London institution since 1932, the Lyman Allyn Art Museum has long educated and delighted the public with its dense collection of more than 15,000 objects, some of which date back to ancient times. Beginning on Nov. 14 with the opening of *Cued by Color . . . Paintings and Mixed Media works by Michael DesRosiers,* the museum will get a contemporary infusion, bringing it further into the present-day art scene.

It's all the doing of Sam Quigley, who came aboard as museum director a year-and-a-half ago with a pedigreed past, including stints at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Harvard University Art Museums and the Museum of Fine Art, Boston. The series *Near: New* will aim to feature contemporary artists making waves, many nearby here in New England.

"It's been on my mind since I interviewed for the job," Quigley says of the contemporary art series, which will occupy the Glassenberg Gallery. "It was patently obvious that we needed to show the new work in the community, however that's defined.

"I wanted to broaden the exhibition schedule to include an important element, the artists amongst us," he continues. "The *Near: New* series [will feature] distinguished artists who are living in the vicinity. The term 'near' is subject to a good bit of interpretation. Near can be in terms of digital, near but by artists who are far flung."

The museum's first exhibit interprets the term rather literally. Artist Michael DesRosiers creates dynamic abstracts at his homestead studio in Lyme, where he has lived for more than three decades. A frequent exhibitor in New York City and other cosmopolitan art havens, DesRosiers is excited to hang his paintings and mixed media art on the walls of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum.

"I want to exhibit this work in an entirely new context," says the artist. "There's something that's transformational in an institutional setting. Instead of seeing [contemporary art] as something less than, Sam is so courageous to bring it right up next to things that have been validated. It's that kind of vision [that interested me.] It will build the expectation for the unexpected."

"It's astounding and compelling. The more you look at it, the more you're engaged by it," Quigley says of DesRosiers work. "It's work that needs to be seen. Michael tends to be hermetic. He lives a beautiful existence over in Lyme. We need to know more about the work that's being produced by people nearby."

Cued by Color . . . Paintings and Mixed Media works by Michael DesRosiers runs through January. That is just the beginning of what Quigley has planned for *Near: New*. An exhibit by artist Michael Peery, *Time and Again*, will open in February and run for six weeks. A brief hiatus will be followed by an exhibit of work by the students of the Nathan Hale Magnet School of Art. In June, OutCT will feature an exhibit titled *The Artist Within* to celebrate Pride Month.

Several of these contemporary exhibits will be concurrent with a retrospective of 1890s artist J. Alden Wier, *A Good Summer's Work: J. Alden Weir, Connecticut Impressionist*, which runs from March 5 to Sept. 11, 2016.

"The scale of [large museums], it's sort of overwhelming. You have to break them down into a couple of visits," says DesRosiers. "You can visit the Lyman Allyn on a Sunday afternoon and take in the gestalt of art experience that's so free ranging."

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Ana Gasteyer's Jazz Journey

When comedy fans hear that Ana Gasteyer has a popular jazz album and tours the country with a cabaret night club act, they are often confused. How could the woman who immortalized Martha Stewart and brought us such characters as music teacher Bobbie Mohan-Culp and National Public Radio "Delicious Dish" host Margaret Jo McCullen on "Saturday Night Live," also croon 1950s classics?

The answer is easily, and it's clear that music was always in the cards for Gasteyer, though she admits she didn't always think so herself.

"I thought I had left it behind and would never do it again when I was on 'SNL,'" Gasteyer says of her musical roots.

Last year she released her first album, cheekily titled *I'm Hip*, and has been on the road with her "hip cabaret" act between TV and movie commitments. In her stage act, which features a big brass band and her big bawdy voice, Gasteyer has joined her two halves—comedy and music.

"The easy answer is I came from an extremely musical family," she says of her musical beginnings. "My mother was a singer who suffered from terrible stage fright and never pursued it herself, and my dad was a marching band horn guy, so it was always expected that we would play an instrument."

The instrument she chose was violin, and it instilled a focus for which she's now grateful.

"It was a good and a terrible thing for me personality-wise," she says. "It definitely taught me a lot about discipline but it was a very lonely venture and I'm a very social person. Lucky for me, it's one of the most hilarious instruments. There's a long tradition like with Jack Benny playing the violin."

She first studied with the Los Angeles comedy troupe The Groundlings and then joined "SNL" in 1996. She was sure being funny was her calling, but music was still there.

"When you look back on my career it's easy to see it was a huge influence," she says. "When you're writing sketches, you draw from whatever you do well.

"A lot of comedians are good at music," she continues. "That's how Fred Armisen got his start and Maya Ruldolph. Chris Parnell is a great musician and Will Ferrell. It's very closely linked. Musical people tend to be very funny and funny people can be good at music."

Gasteyer left the show in 2002, and soon threw herself into Broadway musicals, responding to a longtime love of theater. She has played Elphaba in *Wicked*, among other roles.

"I knew the best way to get caught up quickly vocally was to just do shows—eight times a week singing at that level, there's no substitute for that muscular [workout]," she says.

Gasteyer was also out honing her one-woman musical act during that time. Her album came out of that—playing to audiences, cataloguing music and working on her sound.

I'm Hip is what Gasteyer calls a "moxie jazz" album. It's not sad jazz. It's as tongue-and-cheek as she is, and so is her live show, which she will bring to The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook on Nov. 24.

"I'm really looking forward to that show," she says. "I'm hoping to try some new things.

"In this day and age, people want to stratify and separate different aspects of their career. In my career, I totally understand it. It doesn't make any sense that someone who was on 'SNL' would go do *Wicked*. They're totally different," she admits. "Hip cabaret kind of allows me to cull the best of both of those elements. For me, that's entertainment—finger-snapping fun."

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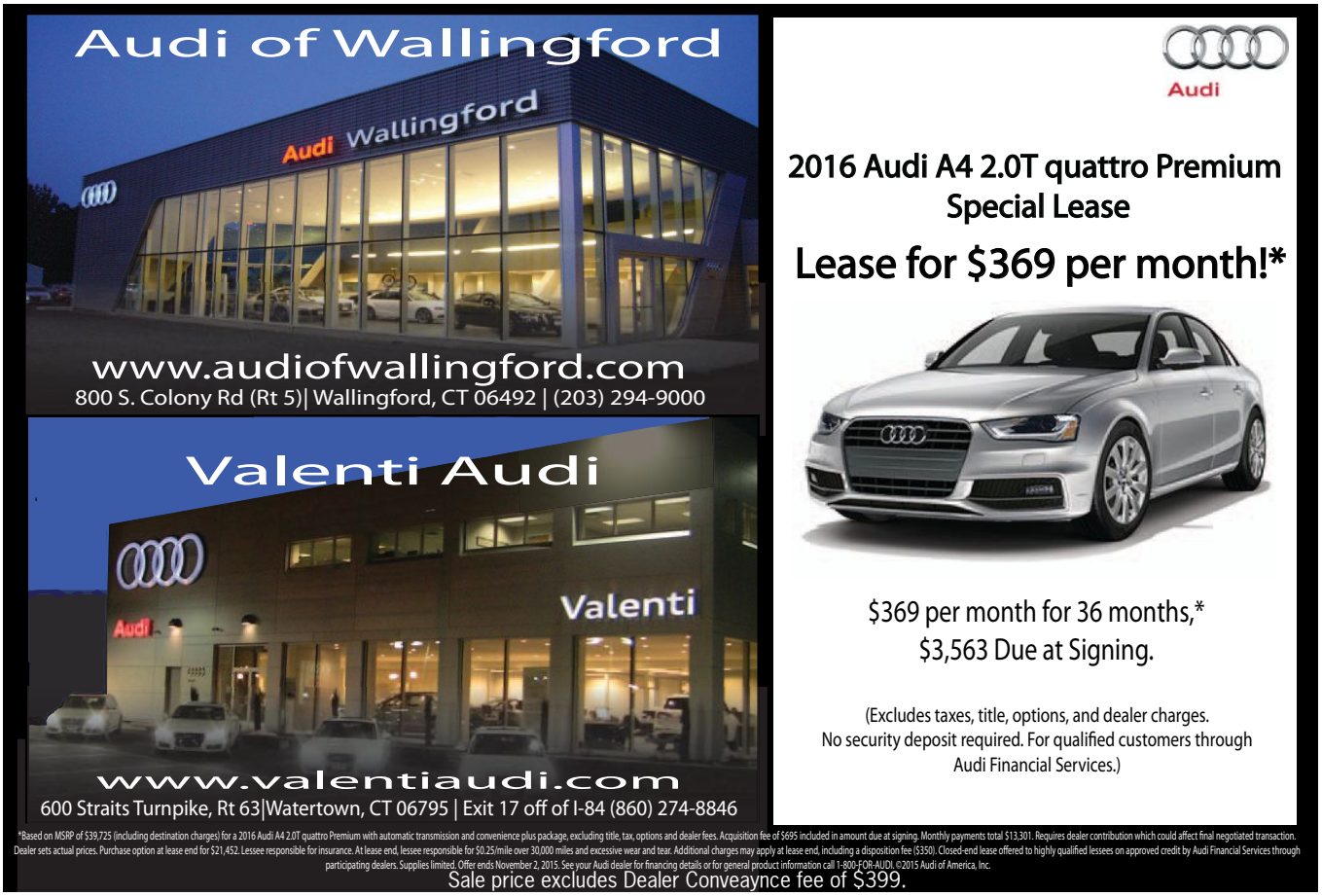
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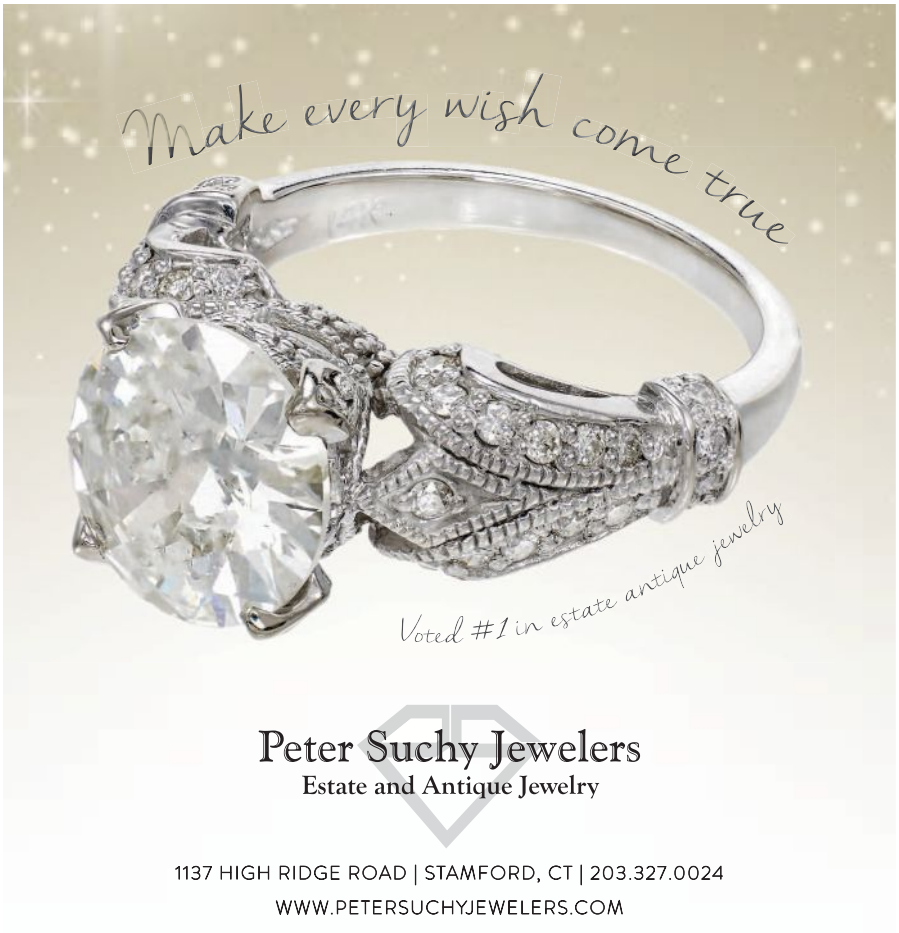
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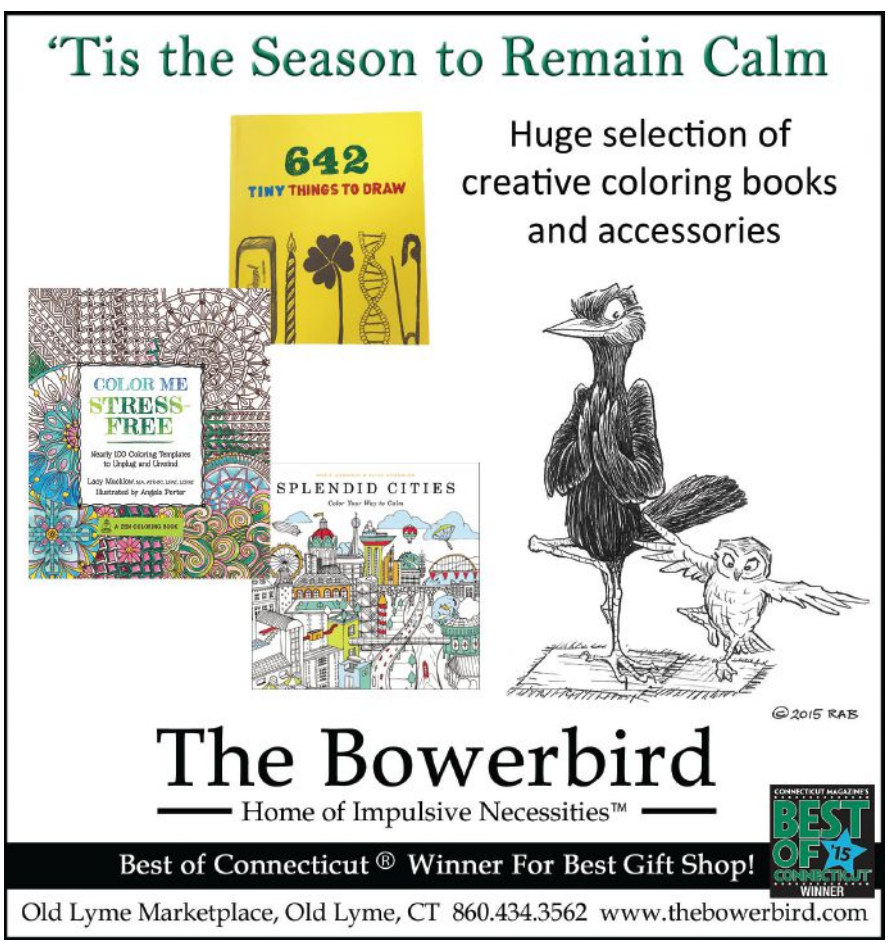


A Celebration of Veteran Artists

Artists can come from anywhere, shaped and inspired by their personal experiences. This month, a special group of artists will take to the Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School Mainstage Theater in New Haven to showcase their art, which has been inspired by their life-altering experiences in the military.

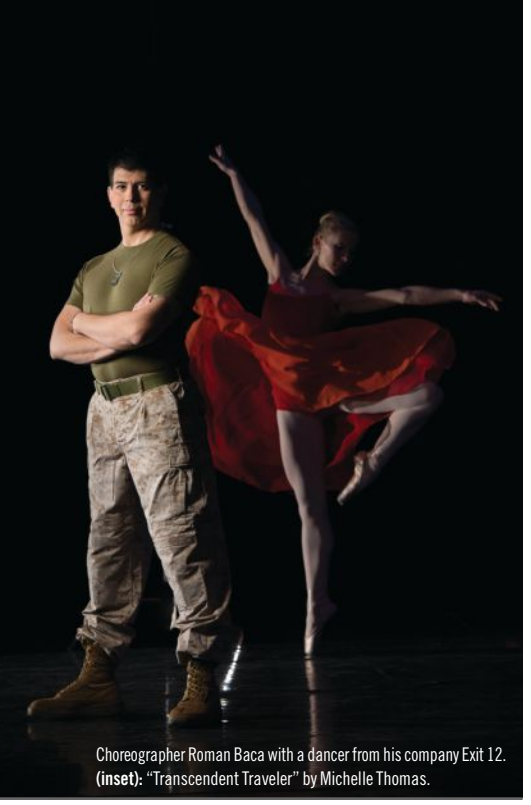
Presented by The Veteran Artists Program (VAP) in Connecticut, "A Celebration of Veteran Artists" will feature the choreography of Roman Baca and his dance company Exit 12, National Book Award winner Phil Klay, a play by the Veterans Home Front Theater Troupe and a fine arts exhibit curated by the Veterans Art Foundation. Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth of the Talking Heads, who were both raised in military families, will co-host the event.

"[We hope] more people will be knowledgeable about the veteran experience, and through that, we can allow our veterans to reintegrate more seamlessly into civilian life," says Rodgers Frantz, program director for VAP in Connecticut.

It was Frantz's idea to bring this kind of creative veteran program to New Haven. Veterans' issues have always been important to him as the son of a major general in the U.S. Army Reserves. "I grew up with the military in my life, one way or another," he says.

Frantz was looking for a project that would bring local awareness to veteran issues, so he reached out to VAP founder BJ McDonald to inquire about the program. Launched in 2009, the New York-based nonprofit aims "to foster, encourage and promote veteran artists."

"[VAP] gives veterans the opportunity to stage their art and let that be seen by the public," says Frantz. "[There's a quote], 'Healing begins when we bear witness.' Americans haven't been bearing witness to



Choreographer Roman Baca with a dancer from his company Exit 12. **(inset):** "Transcendent Traveler" by Michelle Thomas.

what these people have been through. I felt a responsibility to try and do something to honor their service and recognize the amazing quality of artistic excellence represented by these people."

Frantz traveled to New York City to see a VAP performance and was blown away. It was there he first encountered Phil Klay and was floored by readings of his novel *Redeployment*.

"Everyone burst into applause," Frantz says of the reading. "I remember turning to my wife and saying, 'We may have just heard a new great voice of contemporary literature.' He's a very, very gifted writer."

It's that caliber of artist and experience Frantz hopes to bring to New Haven.

Roman Baca and his dance company Exit 12, which he started after returning from a deployment in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2006, communicates the military experience through movement. The company will perform two original choreographed works for the occasion.

Peter Falcione will stage a theatrical performance by The Veterans Home Front Theater titled "Confessions of a War Dog," which recounts the powerful story of love and loyalty between a combat dog handler and his canine partner.

The theater's lobby will be filled with fine art by a variety of veterans.

"We are allowing our veterans, through their art, to re-identify with the American public," Frantz explains. "This is one piece of a mosaic of how we reintegrate. That's the end game. That's what we have to be working on."

A Celebration of Veteran Artists will open on Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. at the Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School Mainstage Theater. Tickets are available through the high school box office. | K.H. |

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‘Growing’ Out on a Limb

MINDFUL OF VETS, A UCONN PROFESSOR IS LEADING A TEAM OF RESEARCHERS WITH THE EVENTUAL GOAL OF RE-GROWING A HUMAN LIMB.

BY ERIK OFGANG

Marine Sgt. Liam Dwyer of Litchfield was on patrol in Afghanistan when he tripped an improvised explosive device. The explosion sent shrapnel into all of his limbs, breaking his right leg and causing nerve damage and fracturing his right arm. It also destroyed his left leg.

“I had never seen a person folded up on themselves like that,” Sgt. Aaron Denning, who was with Dwyer at the time, later recalled in published accounts. “His foot was up by his shoulder and we thought he was dead.” Dwyer survived but most of his left leg had to be amputated.

For a soldier, his injuries are not uncommon. Thanks to advances in battlefield medicine, veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom would most likely have died from their wounds had they been sustained in earlier conflicts, returned from the battle with missing limbs. Close to 2,000 U.S. troops have suffered a major limb amputation as a result of injuries sustained in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Coinciding with Veterans Day this month, the University of Connecticut, which Dwyer attended for a year before joining the Marines, will be launching a potentially revolutionary scientific project aimed at helping wounded warriors as well as others who have lost limbs or experienced nerve damage. Called the Hartford Engineering A Limb Project (HEAL) and run by UConn Health’s Institute of Regenerative Engineering, its goal is to “regenerate a new joint in seven years and regenerate a limb in 15 years,” says Cato Laurencin, a medical doctor with a Ph.D. in biochemical engineering/biotechnology and the founding director of the institute.

Laurencin’s method for limb replacement does not focus on mechanical or robotic limbs but rather on organic, flesh-and-blood ones that would grow on the person that receives the treatment.

It may sound like the stuff of science fiction or comic books, but the Institute for Regenerative Engineering has already received significant funding from sources such as the State of Connecticut and the National Science Foundation. Last year, Laurencin won a National Institutes of Health Pioneer Award for his work in regenerative engineering. The award, which is given for

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high-risk research with potentially high rewards, included a $4 million grant.

Laurencin refers to the goal of limb regeneration as a "grand challenge" and though optimistic, is not unrealistic about his team's prospects.

"To a certain extent, this is a moonshot endeavor. We have some of the tools, but obviously it's going to take a while and we don't have all the answers to make it occur right now," Laurencin says. "When Kennedy announced that we were going to the moon, I'm not sure the technology to be able to successfully carry enough air to take someone to the moon and back was there in the early 1960s, but it was there by the end of the 1960s."

That doesn't mean the HEAL Project is a shot in the dark; Laurencin and his colleagues have already made some pretty spectacular advances in the field. "We've now been able to create a number of the different types of component tissue that we think about in terms of a limb," he says. "We have been able to create engineered bone. We have been able to create engineered ligaments [a feat highlighted in 2012 in *National Geographic's* "100 Scientific Discoveries that Changed the World"]. We have worked in the engineering of skin, tendon, cartilage, nerve, blood vessels . . . we have the components already at our disposal to make a joint and a limb."

These regenerations are accomplished through the creation of a bioengineered matrix that would be implanted in a patient. The matrix is armed with different types of molecules, including morphogenetic proteins, which enhance regeneration. A matrix Laurencin developed to regenerate tissue damaged in ACL tears—one of the most common knee injuries—has started human trials in Europe.

After Dwyer's leg was amputated, he underwent extensive rehabilitation. Before his injury, one of his passions was car racing but military doctors told him he'd never be able to drive a stick shift because he could no longer feel the clutch under his foot.

In recent years there have been advances in the functionality of prosthetic limbs; last year during a TED talk—since viewed millions of times online—Adrianne Haslet-Davis, a professional ballroom dancer who had lost part of her left leg in 2013 during the Boston Marathon terrorist bombings, was able to perform a rumba with intricate footwork. She could accomplish this thanks in

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part to a cutting-edge prosthetic called the BiOM T2. Designed by MIT professor Hugh Herr, who had both his legs amputated after a mountain climbing accident, the electrically powered prosthetic was designed to imitate the natural propulsion a real human ankle provides.

Because it would be an organic, biological limb, the regenerated limb Laurencin hopes to develop would be markedly different from the devices other scientists like Herr have created and are developing. To work, it may require a little help from the animal kingdom.

Salamanders are the only vertebrates that can regenerate lost body parts as adults. It's a superhero-like power the creatures have that scientists are still striving to better understand. For the HEAL Project, researchers at UConn are working with researchers at the University of California, Irvine who have studied the regenerative process in salamanders and have looked at ways this process could be mimicked by humans.

In addition, Laurencin is studying early regenerative processes in other animals and humans who have more regenerative ability the younger they are—infants as old as two have been known to regrow fingertips. "We're looking at what happens in early development and what are some of the molecules and factors that are expressed in early development because a lot of things are going on then," he says.

Laurencin is dedicated to regeneration that occurs within the body. "I really believe in the body as a bioreactor," he explains. "We work to create systems that we then place in the body and we allow the body to react as a body reactor to foster the end regeneration event. We don't grow whole areas of tissue and then place it in the body; we actually create the means by which the body can allow itself to be able to regenerate."

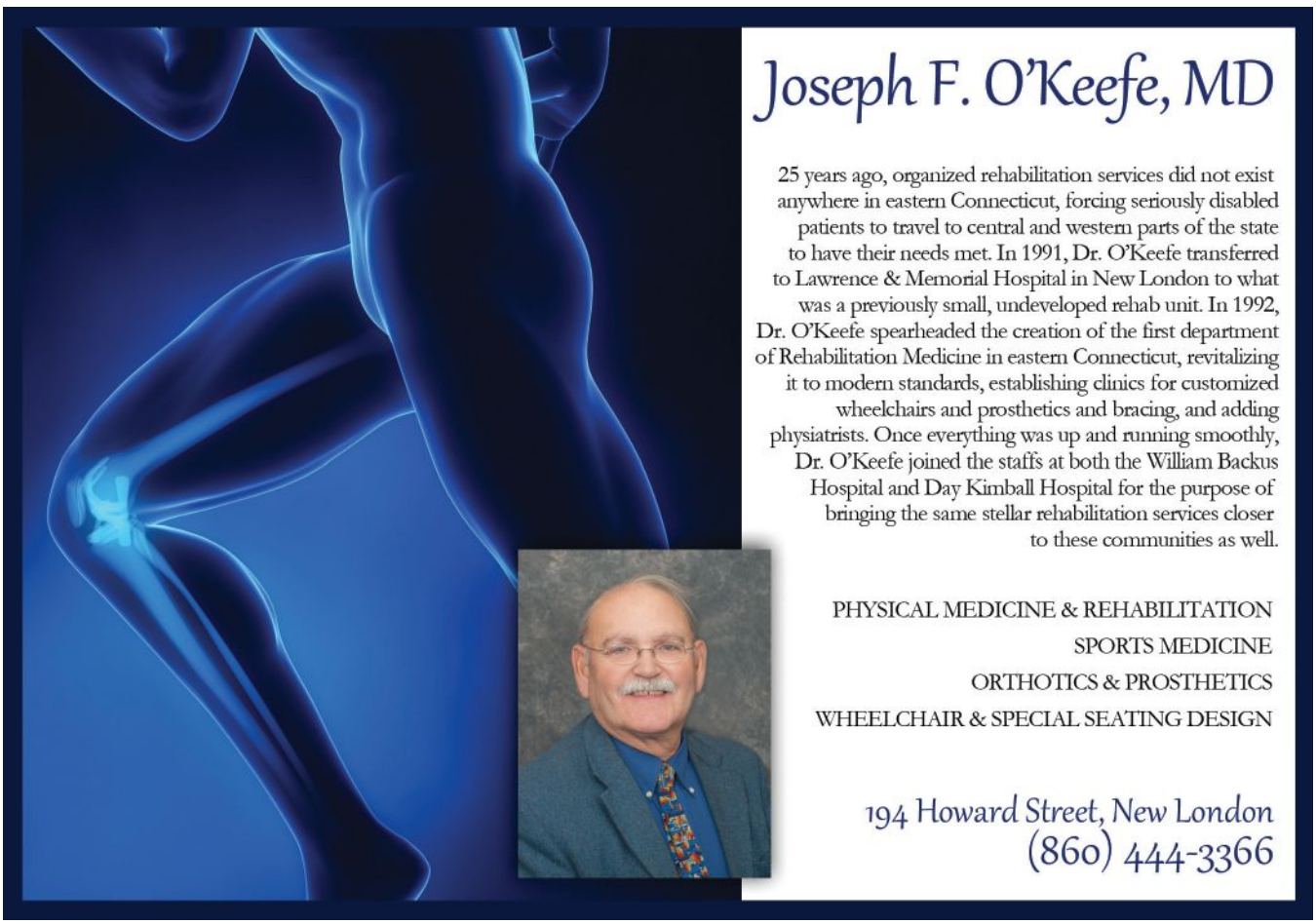
Laurencin has the kind of colorful background normally found amongst movie or TV characters. A native of the inner city of Philadelphia, he was attracted to the local boxing gym because it was something of a safe haven in the neighborhood. That lead to a lifelong fascination with the sport that he later fostered by serving as a ringside doctor, a position he held in several marquee matchups including the 1995 bout between boxer Mike Tyson and Buster Mathis. This past August he traveled to Venezuela as the physician for the USA Boxing Elite Men's National Team for the American Boxing Confederation Championships.

He has degrees from Princeton, MIT and Harvard Medical School, and a curriculum vitae that includes nine single-spaced pages of awards. He is extensively involved in mentoring underrepresented students; for this work he received a Presidential Award for Excellence from President Barack Obama. The Society for Biomaterials recently named the Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D. Travel Fellowship, which will support underrepresented minorities in the field, in his honor.

Pioneering joint and limb regeneration would be the crowning success in a life full of achievements but Laurencin is not undertaking the project alone. In addition to scientists and students at UConn, the HEAL Project is bringing together a large team of scientists and experts at other universities and institutions, including the aforementioned researchers at the University of California, Irvine as well as Harvard and Columbia universities.

Regenerative engineering is a new discipline that Laurencin and his fellow scientists are hoping to pioneer. The discipline requires cooperation between scientists with different specialties. "This combines advance material science, stem-cell science and physics in the form of electrical power that's necessary to regenerate complex tissues," Laurencin says.

Despite the sophistication and ambitious nature of his goals, Laurencin has never lost sight of what he's working for. "Every month I get a phone call from an individual or a family in which someone has lost a finger, or they've had a tear in their shoulder rotator


Joseph F. O'Keefe, MD
25 years ago, organized rehabilitation services did not exist anywhere in eastern Connecticut, forcing seriously disabled patients to travel to central and western parts of the state to have their needs met. In 1991, Dr. O'Keefe transferred to Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London to what was a previously small, undeveloped rehab unit. In 1992, Dr. O'Keefe spearheaded the creation of the first department of Rehabilitation Medicine in eastern Connecticut, revitalizing it to modern standards, establishing clinics for customized wheelchairs and prosthetics and bracing, and adding physiatrists. Once everything was up and running smoothly, Dr. O'Keefe joined the staffs at both the William Backus Hospital and Day Kimball Hospital for the purpose of bringing the same stellar rehabilitation services closer to these communities as well.
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cuff, and they ask me do I have any solutions right now for them to consider," he says. "While we have a grand goal of limb regeneration and knee-joint regeneration, we believe what we find along the way will be important for patients in the very short term."

In stubborn defiance of the doctors' predictions of his abilities, Dwyer began driving a stick shift again. He also started racing and now does so professionally. He was able to connect a prosthetic heel to the clutch of his car with a series of simple methods; he started with Velcro then went to a fastening system. He relies on his instincts and the feel of the car when it comes to applying and removing pressure. The system worked well enough to allow Dwyer, along with co-driver Tom Long, to win the two-hour, 30-minute IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge race at Lime Rock in Lakeville in May 2014.

Laurencin is mindful of veterans like Dwyer and the implications his work can have on their lives. "One of the impetuses, at least for me personally in thinking about this great challenge, is looking at the fact that this is a significant issue for our wounded warriors," he says. "Working toward solutions that can help wounded warriors is something that is very special to me and, I think, all the members of my group."

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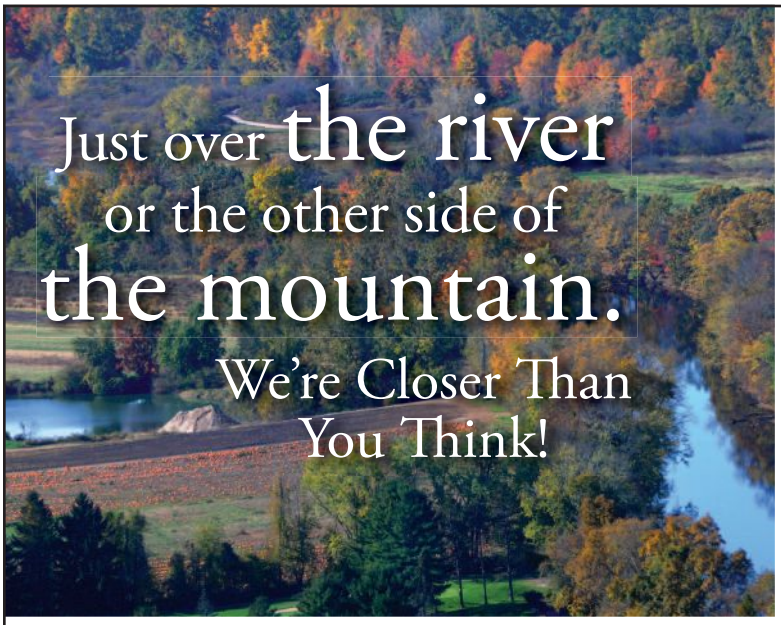

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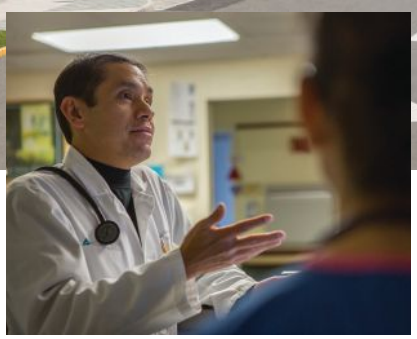

Middlesex Hospital Joins Mayo Clinic Care Network

On October 1, 2015, Middlesex Hospital in Middletown became a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, a growing network of organizations committed to better serving the best interests of patients and their families.

Middlesex Hospital is the first health care organization in Connecticut to join the network. The agreement gives Middlesex Hospital access to Mayo Clinic knowledge and clinical resources that complement its expertise and enhance locally provided care to patients. Through the network, Middlesex and Mayo physicians will collaborate so that more patients can get answers to complex medical questions and gain additional peace of mind, all while staying close to home.

"We are thrilled about embarking on this clinical relationship with Mayo Clinic," says Vincent Capece, Jr., president and CEO of Middlesex Hospital. "We see this as a long-term collaboration that will enable us to enhance care for the patients we serve. This collaboration will help us in our never-ending efforts to elevate the delivery of care to our communities."

As a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, Middlesex Hospital has access to the latest Mayo knowledge. Network tools and services include:

- **eConsults that enable Middlesex Hospital physicians to connect electronically with Mayo specialists when they want additional input on a patient's care.**
- **AskMayoExpert that gives Middlesex Hospital providers access to point-of-care, Mayo-vetted information on disease management, care guidelines, treatment recommendations and reference materials for medical conditions.**
- **eTumor Board Conferences that enable Middlesex Hospital physicians to present and discuss management of complex cancer cases with a multidisciplinary panel of Mayo Clinic specialists and other network members.**

Through network resources, Middlesex Hospital providers also will be able to consult with Mayo Clinic on operational and business processes such as patient engagement; quality, safety and accreditation; nursing leadership and physician engagement. Providers will also have access to Mayo's extensive library of educational materials for use with their patients, and Grand Rounds presentations that feature Mayo physicians and scientists.

Mayo Clinic launched the Mayo Clinic Care Network in 2011. The network consists of more than 30 member organizations across the United States, and in Mexico and Singapore. Network members remain independent, but share a common philosophy, commitment and mission to improve the quality and delivery of health care.

Pioneering Online Forum Provides More Than 1,000 Patient Stories of Mobility Recovery

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Recognizing that consumers rely on the experience of others when choosing elective care, Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), the top-ranked orthopedic hospital provides an unprecedented online forum where hundreds of patient-submitted stories are searchable by type of care, physician, and patients' hometown. Because patients come to Hospital for Special Surgery from 105 countries and all 50 states, the stories cover a wide range of afflictions, aspirations, and outcomes. Introduced in February of this year, the site (hss.edu/backinthegame) has quickly surpassed 1,000 stories and that number is expected to rise as there are nearly 30,000 patients served by HSS annually.

"This new forum connects our patients' desire to share their experiences with the desire of those considering similar care to hear from people they can relate to -- beyond the handful of testimonials that every physician touts," said John Englehart, a Westport resident and Chief Marketing Officer at Hospital for Special Surgery. "It demonstrates that while many associate HSS with maintaining the performance of top professional athletes, that same quality of care is helping essentially anyone to get back to doing whatever they need and want to do."

Visitors to the site can easily filter stories to find the ones most relevant to their needs, and can share them with friends and family on social media -- either directly from the site or by using the hashtag #BackintheGame. Connecticut residents are well represented on the site with more than 60 patient stories. "We know that physical ailments can take an emotional toll on anyone," added Englehart. "We also know that, often, people want to talk about their experiences; they want to connect, share, and relate with others who may be afflicted in the way they once were. As a leader in the field, we have a responsibility and opportunity to help, using the digital and social media consumers use every day."

Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) is a world leader in orthopedics, rheumatology and rehabilitation. HSS is nationally ranked No. 1 in orthopedics, No. 3 in rheumatology and No. 7 in geriatrics by U.S. News & World Report (2015-2016), and in February of this year opened an Outpatient Center in Stamford to make world-class care easier to access in the tri-state area. The HSS Stamford Outpatient Center offers medical diagnosis, pre and post-operative care, non-surgical management of injuries and joint pain, MRI, x-rays and more. To learn more about the Hospital for Special Surgery Stamford Outpatient Center, visit hss.edu/Stamford.

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Bristol Hospital's Dr. David Rubins and His Team Have The Gold Seal, and It's the Patients Who Win

Less than two years and more than 400 surgeries later, orthopedic surgeon David Rubins, MD, FAAO, continues to make an incredible impact at Bristol Hospital.

Dr. Rubins joined the hospital's Center for Orthopedic and Spine Health in September 2013 at which time he began the hospital's joint health program. This past summer, Dr. Rubins and his team earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and Certification for its Hip and Knee Joint Replacement Program. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

Dr. Rubins has more than 20 years of joint replacement experience and specializes in minimally invasive hip and knee replacement, computer-assisted total knee replacement and revision total joint replacement. One of his areas of special interest is the direct anterior (DA) approach for total hip surgical repair—a minimally invasive technique not widely used which involves a smaller incision, no detaching of muscles or tendons and decreased patient hospital stays.

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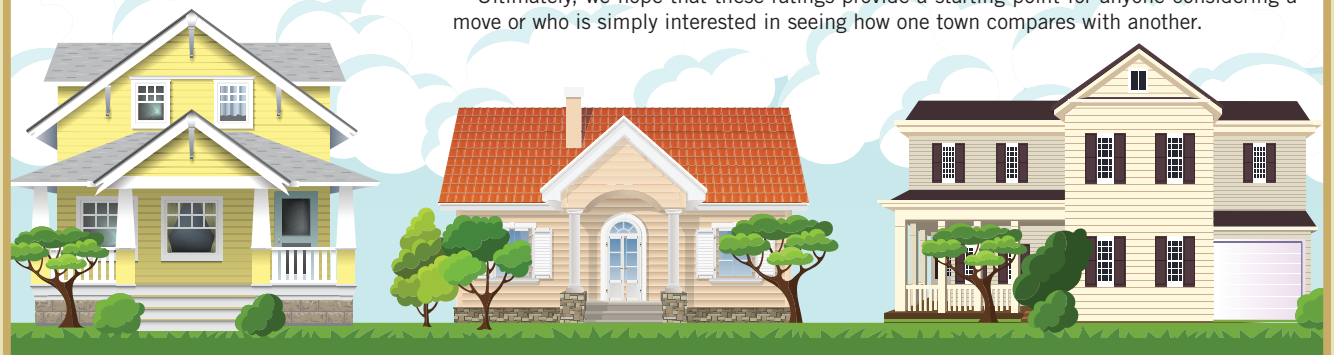
RATING THE TOWNS 2015

It's time once again to examine how the various cities and towns in Connecticut stack up against each other in categories that seem to be important to home buyers: crime, education, leisure and culture, civic engagement and economy.

Grouped by median home value—usually the first thing that someone considers when trying to determine where to live—this allows us to rate towns that have similar resources. In the past, when we rated solely by population, it would result in a city like Bridgeport being measured against a town like Greenwich, both of which have populations in excess of 50,000, but as everyone knows, are very different places in terms of personal income, crime rate, diversity, taxes, education, cultural options and overall daily living experience. Now Greenwich is rated against municipalities that are more like it while Bridgeport can be measured against the other major cities in the state.

Of course, no quantitative system is perfect when it comes to measuring where you live. There are so many subjective things that make a town a desirable place to live, and everyone has preferences that are particularly important to them that may not necessarily be imperative to someone else looking for a new place to live.

Ultimately, we hope that these ratings provide a starting point for anyone considering a move or who is simply interested in seeing how one town compares with another.



THE NUMBERS WE USED

Median home values, which include houses and condos, were obtained from Zillow.com.

Below is a category-by-category breakdown of the criteria:

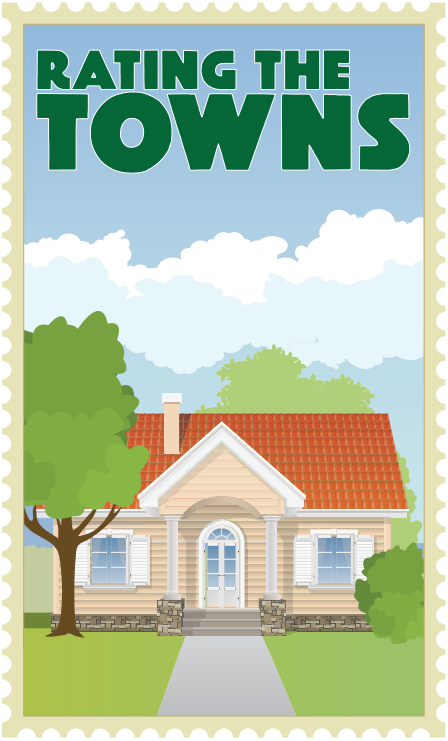
EDUCATION: This category combines four elements: 2013 Connecticut Mastery Test results; results of the 2013 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT); SAT scores for 2014; and the 2013 cohort graduation rate. 2013 was the last year the Connecticut Mastery Test and CAPT were given. Those tests were replaced by the Smarter Balanced Test, which is aligned to the Common Core. However, there is only one year of baseline data for the new test, making it inappropriate for this ranking.

ECONOMY: The strength of the local economy was determined by the 2015 Public Investment Community score, compiled by the Office of Policy and Management, which rates all Connecticut towns under a formula based on population, per capita income, the adjusted equalized grand list per capita, the unemployment rate, the equalized mill rate and per capita aid to children. The lower the number, the less need there is in a community and the stronger its economy.

CRIME: This category is based on major crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor-vehicle theft, arson and larceny) committed in 2013 per 100,000 population, the most recent figures available from the state Department of Public Safety.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: This category combines voter turnout in the 2014 election and the amount of local news coverage available from daily and weekly newspapers, websites and TV and radio stations.

LEISURE/CULTURE: Includes the proximity to state parks and forests; number of colleges and universities; number of restaurants listed in *Connecticut Magazine's* 2015 Best Restaurants issue; and number of shops, theaters, museums and other cultural venues.



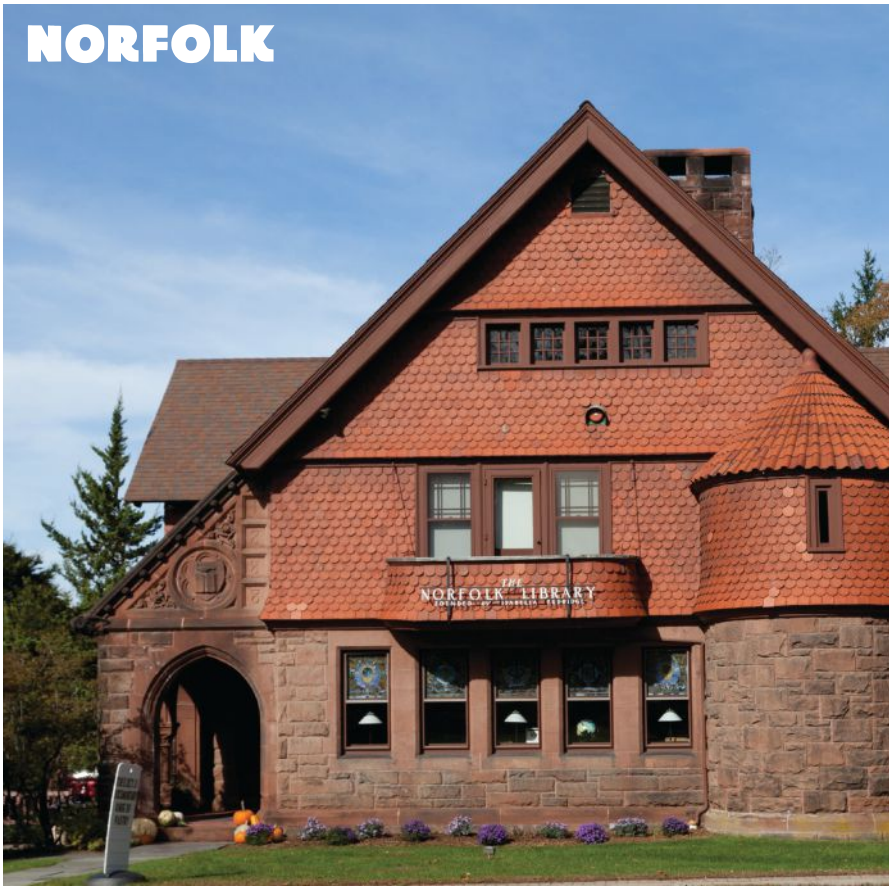
MEDIAN HOME VALUE

under $200,000

The towns in this group are the relative bargains of Connecticut, places where your house-buying dollar will go its furthest. Consequently, many of these places are either off the beaten path or have an abundance of affordable housing.

Norfolk tops this group because of high scores in education, economy and community engagement—in fact, the town's voter turnout in the last election was more than 70 percent, among the highest in the state, which even in a town with a population of a little more than 1,700, is still impressive. Residents are clearly interested in how their town—and the state beyond it—is run.

Also in the top ten is Middletown, a place that has seen a nice surge in culture and leisure activities, especially in terms of great new eateries. Unlike many of the towns rated highly in this group, it is . . . well, in the *middle* of the state, which means it has excellent access to almost every other area in Connecticut, a very nice bonus.



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1 Norfolk

population..... 1,644
crime rate..... 1313.5
2014 graduation rate..... 97.1
2015 median home value. $197,000
equalized mill rate 16.95
PIC rating..... 202.26
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 71.44

2 Coventry

population..... 12,419
crime rate..... 1284.7
2014 graduation rate..... 90.4
2013 median home value. $162,200
equalized mill rate 20.16
PIC rating..... 231.71
2015 best restaurants awards.....1
voter turnout 67.82

3 Hampton

population..... 1,859
crime rate..... 916.9
2014 graduation rate..... 92.3
2015 median home value. $173,900
equalized mill rate 18.73
PIC rating..... 238.2
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 70.08

4 Ledyard

population..... 15,121
crime rate..... 1025.6
2014 graduation rate..... 92.4
2015 median home value. $199,700
equalized mill rate 20.31
PIC rating..... 241.33
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 60.38

5 Ashford

population..... 4,259
crime rate..... 601.2
2014 graduation rate..... 87.6
2015 median home value. $198,200
equalized mill rate 21.83
PIC rating..... 237.28
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 64.18

HOW TO READ THE CHART

The chart below shows the 43 towns with a median home value under $200,000. The best possible rating in each category is 1 and the worst is 43. For information on the sources used, please see page 35.

6 Middletown

population 47,043
crime rate 1942.4
2014 graduation rate 83.4
2015 median home value $187,900
equalized mill rate 21.20
PIC rating 272.5
2015 best restaurants awards 4
voter turnout 65.62

7 Chaplin

population 2,262
crime rate 590.2
2014 graduation rate 92.3
2015 median home value $167,800
equalized mill rate 24.43
PIC rating 282.44
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 64.21

8 Stafford

population 11,881
crime rate 636.8
2014 graduation rate 87.4
2015 median home value $147,300
equalized mill rate 22.40
PIC rating 276.8
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 58.50

9 Cromwell

population 14,113
crime rate 2105.4
2014 graduation rate 93.2
2015 median home value $196,400
equalized mill rate 21.42
PIC rating 225.43
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 59.20

10 Thomaston

population 7,683
crime rate 1439.2
2014 graduation rate 93.6
2015 median home value $157,100
equalized mill rate 23.48
PIC rating 256.19
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 65.84

TOWN	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	CULTURE/ LEISURE	ECONOMY	CRIME	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	EDUCATION	TOTAL
Norfolk	$197,000	12	2	16	1	1	**32**
Coventry	$162,200	16	5	15	3	4	**43**
Hampton	$173,900	32	7	5	2	12	**58**
Ledyard	$199,700	22	8	8	14	9	**61**
Ashford	$198,200	42	6	2	10	3	**63**
Middletown	$187,900	1	17	25	4	18	**65**
Chaplin	$167,800	17	24	1	9	15	**66**
Stafford	$147,300	20	19	3	19	8	**69**
Cromwell	$196,400	14	3	27	17	10	**71**
Thomaston	$157,100	28	12	17	7	11	**75**
Montville	$198,000	25	16	11	11	16	**79**
Brooklyn	$192,300	37	1	12	31	2	**83**
Enfield	$168,300	6	14	23	21	22	**86**
Wolcott	$194,200	39	4	22	15	7	**87**
Thompson	$187,700	21	9	4	34	23	**91**
Sprague	$176,300	43	28	9	6	6	**92**
Vernon	$170,400	36	18	10	8	20	**92**
Windsor	$185,100	11	11	18	23	34	**97**
Winchester	$140,800	19	27	21	30	5	**102**
Bristol	$170,400	8	33	29	16	17	**103**
Plainville	$190,000	18	13	38	25	14	**108**
Torrington	$131,600	4	30	31	20	24	**109**
Griswold	$182,500	24	21	13	26	26	**110**
Bloomfield	$189,800	10	25	30	5	41	**111**
Hamden	$199,300	3	20	37	22	29	**111**
Windsor Locks	$173,100	31	10	24	18	28	**111**
Killingly	$168,100	7	31	14	37	27	**116**
Manchester	$161,900	5	23	36	12	40	**116**
Putnam	$141,200	13	22	26	40	31	**132**
West Haven	$166,500	15	35	41	24	18	**133**
Norwich	$134,100	9	38	39	41	13	**140**
Plymouth	$160,500	40	29	20	29	25	**143**
Derby	$179,000	29	37	33	13	35	**147**
East Windsor	$156,800	35	15	42	35	21	**148**
Sterling	$170,800	41	32	6	38	33	**150**
Plainfield	$130,200	38	34	7	42	32	**153**
East Haven	$176,800	34	26	34	27	36	**157**
Ansonia	$170,300	26	39	28	32	38	**163**
Meriden	$150,400	23	40	35	28	37	**163**
Naugatuck	$157,300	30	36	32	36	30	**164**
Windham	$168,000	27	42	19	33	43	**164**
New London	$145,000	2	43	43	43	42	**173**
East Hartford	$144,500	33	41	40	39	39	**192**

MEDIAN HOME VALUE

$200,000 ➤ $249,999

This grouping has the largest number of towns—46—in our ratings, which means that a low rank in one category can skew a town's overall score. For instance, East Granby finishes No. 1 in economy and No. 10 in education, two areas very important to many home buyers, but because of its comparative lack of in-town cultural and leisure activities, falls overall to the middle of the pack. But then again, given its proximity to Hartford and all its cultural amenities (minus the traffic and other big-city issues), many residents are content with the trade off.

Tolland likewise benefits by its location, being so close to UConn and its offerings. The town also scores well in economy, crime and education.

If you're looking for a relatively safe place, Hartland, tucked up along the Massachusetts border, might be your place, where the crime rate works out to a miniscule 94.1 per 100,000, second lowest in the state. (Sherman is lowest at 74.2.)

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1 Tolland

population..... 14,872
crime rate..... 490.1
2014 graduation rate..... 94.2
2015 median home value. $245,500
equalized mill rate 21.80
PIC rating..... 212.62
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 67.03

2 Barkhamsted

population..... 3,705
crime rate..... 596.7
2014 graduation rate..... 97.1
2015 median home value. $224,200
equalized mill rate 17.39
PIC rating..... 218.8
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 61.52

3 Deep River

population..... 4,571
crime rate..... 493.1
2014 graduation rate..... 95.7
2015 median home value. $231,400
equalized mill rate 17.52
PIC rating..... 213.96
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 61.21

4 New Hartford

population..... 6,812
crime rate..... 809.2
2014 graduation rate..... 97.1
2015 median home value. $247,300
equalized mill rate 18.83
PIC rating..... 224.45
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 70.23

5 East Hampton

population..... 12,874
crime rate..... 1021.7
2014 graduation rate..... 96.9
2015 median home value. $241,200
equalized mill rate 19.13
PIC rating..... 219.25
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 68.09

HOW TO READ THE CHART

The chart below shows the 46 towns with a median home value between $200,000 and $249,999. The best possible rating in each category is 1 and the worst is 46. For information on the sources used, please see page 35.

6 Andover

population 3,272
crime rate 436.8
2014 graduation rate 94.9
2015 median home value $225,600
equalized mill rate 21.61
PIC rating 240.2
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 67.19

7 Bolton

population 4.952
crime rate 623.2
2014 graduation rate 97.5
2015 median home value $245,400
equalized mill rate 24.02
PIC rating 224.72
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 72.77

8 Willington

population 5,934
crime rate 572.2
2014 graduation rate 87.6
2015 median home value $204,000
equalized mill rate 19.21
PIC rating 238.04
2015 best restaurants awards 1
voter turnout 66.36

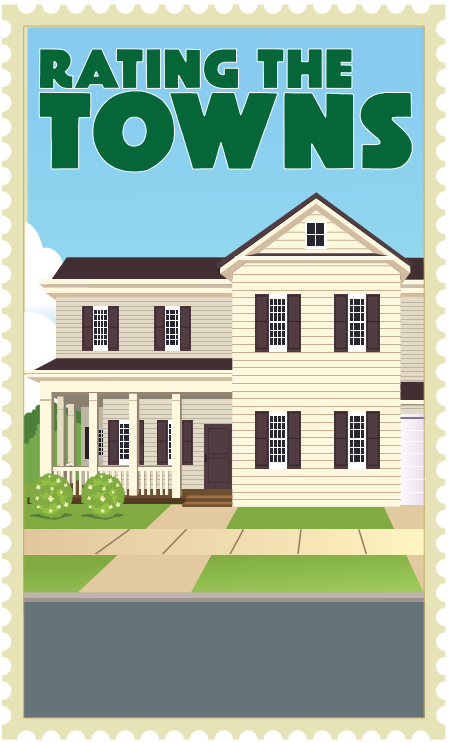
9 Lebanon

population 7,309
crime rate 548.5
2014 graduation rate 93.2
2015 median home value $215,900
equalized mill rate 18.82
PIC rating 236.46
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 66.79

10 Colebrook

population 1,445
crime rate 707.9
2014 graduation rate 97.1
2015 median home value $245,000
equalized mill rate 20.23
PIC rating 220.32
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 64.37

TOWN	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	CULTURE/ LEISURE	ECONOMY	CRIME	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	EDUCATION	TOTAL
Tolland	$245,500	16	2	3	11	8	**40**
Barkhamsted	$224,200	5	8	12	23	3	**51**
Deep River	$231,400	19	3	4	24	12	**62**
New Hartford	$247,300	23	17	19	2	2	**63**
East Hampton	$241,200	7	9	24	8	21	**69**
Andover	$225,600	24	36	2	10	1	**73**
Bolton	$245,400	37	18	13	1	5	**74**
Willington	$204,000	13	32	9	7	17	**78**
Lebanon	$215,900	6	30	7	12	24	**79**
Colebrook	$245,000	34	12	16	16	4	**82**
Woodstock	$223,400	25	5	11	28	14	**83**
Hartland	$248,200	43	7	1	25	9	**85**
Columbia	$226,400	45	20	8	4	11	**88**
East Haddam	$233,300	10	14	22	19	25	**90**
Portland	$220,800	20	22	10	6	32	**90**
Eastford	$215,100	26	11	21	22	16	**96**
Salem	$233,000	38	31	15	5	7	**96**
East Granby	$244,200	41	1	33	15	10	**100**
South Windsor	$239,200	21	26	37	13	6	**103**
Middlefield	$226,700	31	25	18	17	19	**110**
Colchester	$230,200	12	28	5	32	34	**111**
Ellington	$232,400	32	19	6	27	28	**112**
Waterford	$224,500	11	10	44	31	20	**116**
New Milford	$247,900	3	6	32	44	33	**118**
Rocky Hill	$226,800	15	13	39	18	36	**121**
Franklin	$207,400	42	27	29	3	22	**123**
Canaan	$240,000	22	4	38	30	30	**124**
Wallingford	$233,400	8	23	34	21	38	**124**
Mansfield	$225,000	1	43	25	45	13	**127**
Voluntown	$205,900	44	42	14	9	23	**132**
Clinton	$237,700	9	16	41	41	27	**134**
Wethersfield	$238,100	14	38	35	14	39	**140**
North Branford	$241,100	29	21	30	37	26	**143**
Canterbury	$204,700	36	41	17	34	18	**146**
Bozrah	$210,100	27	35	20	35	31	**148**
North Stonington	$226,600	28	15	26	40	40	**149**
Groton	$202,700	2	33	40	38	43	**156**
Scotland	$232,000	18	45	28	26	41	**158**
Lisbon	$206,600	17	24	46	29	46	**162**
Preston	$206,100	46	39	27	36	15	**163**
Newington	$203,000	39	37	43	20	29	**168**
Beacon Falls	$223,300	35	40	23	43	37	**178**
Watertown	$225,200	33	29	42	33	44	**181**
North Canaan	$210,000	40	34	31	42	35	**182**
Stratford	$232,200	4	46	45	46	45	**186**
Seymour	$219,700	30	44	36	39	42	**191**



MEDIAN HOME VALUE

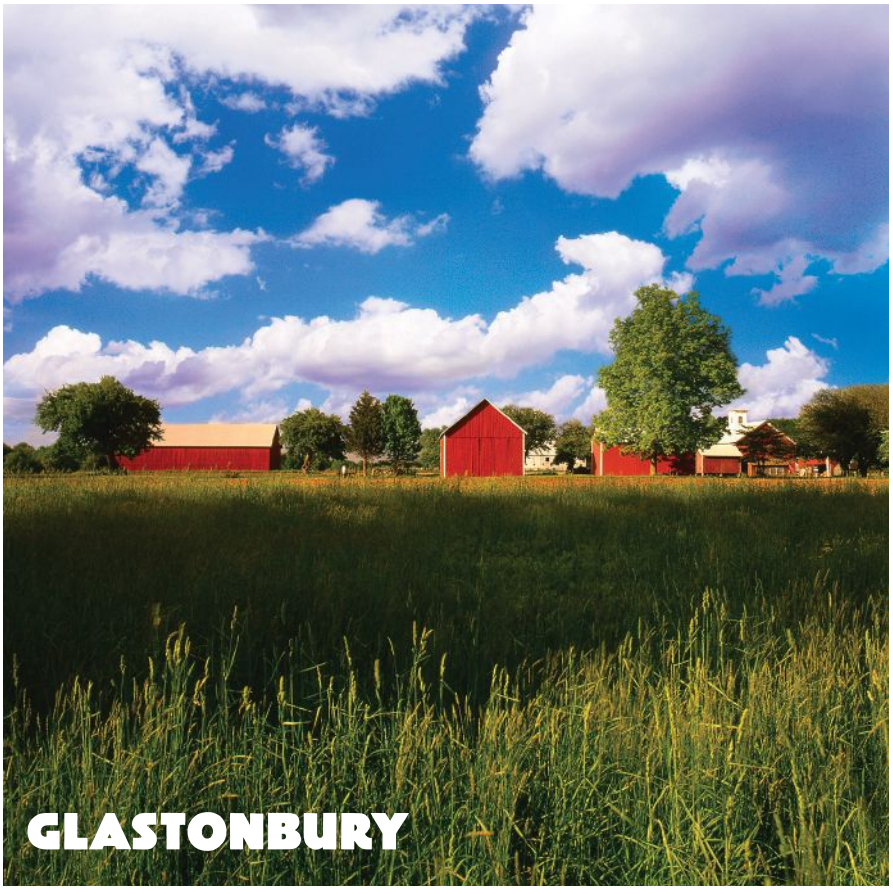
$250,000 ➤ $324,999

This group is laden with a number of affluent suburbs that are within a reasonable commute to some of the big cities, including Hartford and New Haven.

Glastonbury rises to the top of this group with very strong marks across the board, and with median home values around $259,000, is an attractive target for those looking to settle near the state capital. Likewise Simsbury, a little further out but a touch more expensive.

The bottom five of this grouping are Bethel, Milford, Shelton, Prospect and North Haven, which have a combined population of nearly 150,000. These towns may not "rate" highly, but clearly there are tens of thousands who happily call each home.

Also consider: Milford's crime rate, which ranks last at No. 38 in this group, would rank No. 4 in the cities category, well ahead of New Britain, a town that also has a population in excess of 50,000. Keep that in mind when looking at any of these charts—ranks are only within each group, not for the entire state.



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1 Glastonbury

population..... 34,754
crime rate..... 897.6
2014 graduation rate..... 97.3
2015 median home value. $259,700
equalized mill rate 22.34
PIC rating..... 200.76
2015 best restaurants awards.....5
voter turnout 69.49

2 Simsbury

population..... 23,975
crime rate..... 676.9
2014 graduation rate..... 98.0
2015 median home value. $296,000
equalized mill rate 23.27
PIC rating..... 194.35
2015 best restaurants awards.....3
voter turnout 64.91

3 Chester

population..... 4,316
crime rate..... 151.9
2014 graduation rate..... 95.7
2015 median home value. $287,100
equalized mill rate 17.79
PIC rating..... 203.62
2015 best restaurants awards.....2
voter turnout 66.49

4 Litchfield

population..... 8,264
crime rate..... 831.6
2014 graduation rate..... 98.8
2015 median home value. $276,500
equalized mill rate 17.30
PIC rating..... 204.73
2015 best restaurants awards.....2
voter turnout 70.31

5 Cornwall

population..... 1,398
crime rate..... 593.7
2014 graduation rate..... 90.7
2015 median home value. $303,000
equalized mill rate 10.23
PIC rating..... 137.86
2015 best restaurants awards.....1
voter turnout 74.77

HOW TO READ THE CHART

The chart below shows the 38 towns with a median home value between $250,000 and $324,999. The best possible rating in each category is 1 and the worst is 38. For information on the sources used, please see page 35.

6 Cheshire

population 29,250
crime rate 697.0
2014 graduation rate 97.5
2015 median home value $268,700
equalized mill rate 20.10
PIC rating 208.4
2015 best restaurants awards 1
voter turnout 68.02

7 Haddam

population 8,333
crime rate 450.1
2014 graduation rate 96.9
2015 median home value $272,600
equalized mill rate 21.03
PIC rating 220.06
2015 best restaurants awards 1
voter turnout 65.16

8 Goshen

population 2,914
crime rate 351.4
2014 graduation rate 95.9
2015 median home value $312,300
equalized mill rate 12.64
PIC rating 189.31
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 70.26

9 Kent

population 2,910
crime rate 861.8
2014 graduation rate 90.7
2015 median home value $312,300
equalized mill rate 13.76
PIC rating 178.53
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 67.90

10 East Lyme

population 19,140
crime rate 1108.5
2014 graduation rate 94.8
2015 median home value $293,700
equalized mill rate 15.84
PIC rating 221.08
2015 best restaurants awards 1
voter turnout 68.44

TOWN	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	CULTURE/ LEISURE	ECONOMY	CRIME	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	EDUCATION	TOTAL
Glastonbury	$259,700	4	7	22	4	2	**39**
Simsbury	$296,000	2	5	15	19	1	**42**
Chester	$287,100	13	9	1	14	13	**50**
Litchfield	$276,500	6	10	20	2	12	**50**
Cornwall	$303,000	11	1	13	1	31	**57**
Cheshire	$268,700	16	12	16	11	5	**60**
Haddam	$272,600	3	23	6	18	17	**67**
Goshen	$312,300	22	4	2	3	37	**68**
Kent	$303,400	8	2	21	8	33	**72**
East Lyme	$293,700	9	25	27	5	11	**77**
Farmington	$280,100	5	3	37	30	3	**78**
Granby	$258,500	30	6	25	12	8	**81**
Marlborough	$260,200	31	29	7	10	7	**84**
Westbrook	$299,000	18	11	17	16	25	**87**
Hebron	$254,200	29	28	5	25	6	**93**
Burlington	$292,000	36	16	9	20	15	**96**
Woodbury	$266,000	15	14	3	34	30	**96**
Bethany	$304,900	33	21	19	22	4	**99**
Middlebury	$282,500	24	13	26	27	10	**100**
Bethlehem	$258,800	34	20	11	7	29	**101**
Pomfret	$267,000	12	19	30	24	18	**103**
Union	$275,000	23	30	10	13	28	**104**
Somers	$274,400	32	32	4	15	22	**105**
Harwinton	$292,000	38	8	14	32	15	**107**
Southbury	$257,800	14	33	23	28	9	**107**
Durham	$283,100	21	17	32	17	21	**108**
Morris	$284,300	20	18	8	29	37	**112**
Oxford	$320,800	28	15	12	37	24	**116**
Suffield	$266,800	35	27	18	23	14	**117**
Branford	$271,800	10	22	36	31	20	**119**
Berlin	$261,400	27	31	31	6	27	**122**
West Hartford	$291,400	1	34	35	33	23	**126**
Southington	$251,000	26	36	33	21	19	**135**
Bethel	$303,100	17	37	24	36	26	**140**
Milford	$266,400	7	26	38	35	36	**142**
Shelton	$303,100	19	24	29	38	34	**144**
Prospect	$260,700	37	38	28	9	35	**147**
North Haven	$263,200	25	35	34	26	32	**152**

MEDIAN HOME VALUE
over $325,000

If this group proves anything about Connecticut, it's the obvious: That if you spend more than $1 million dollars for a home, then chances are you're going to wind up in a pretty good place to live.

Westport turns out to be "Bestport" this time out, barely edging out the somewhat more affordable Ridgefield. The other million-dollar towns—Darien, Greenwich and New Canaan—also land in the top ten due to strong scores in economy and education.

Interestingly, 11 of the 12 towns at the bottom of this group all have median home values of less than half (and even a third in some cases) of the top towns, a big disparity that isn't present in any of the other groupings. The good news is that all of these towns are highly coveted places to live that might easily top another grouping if not for the substantial house prices.

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1 Westport

population..... 27,561
crime rate..... 952.9
2014 graduation rate..... 99.4
2015 median home value. $1,073,300
equalized mill rate 12.06
PIC rating..... 63.83
2015 best restaurants awards.....9
voter turnout 61.64

2 Ridgefield

population..... 25,205
crime rate..... 304.5
2014 graduation rate..... 97.3
2015 median home value. $623,000
equalized mill rate 16.44
PIC rating..... 129.52
2015 best restaurants awards.....4
voter turnout 56.75

3 Darien

population..... 21,689
crime rate..... 396.2
2014 graduation rate..... 97.8
2015 median home value. $1,406,500
equalized mill rate 9.67
PIC rating..... 43.06
2015 best restaurants awards.....1
voter turnout 58.53

4 Greenwich

population..... 62,610
crime rate..... 738.1
2014 graduation rate..... 95.0
2015 median home value. $1,363,800
equalized mill rate 7.53
PIC rating..... 21.73
2015 best restaurants awards.....4
voter turnout 59.05

5 Essex

population..... 6,612
crime rate..... 305.8
2014 graduation rate..... 95.7
2015 median home value. $340,900
equalized mill rate 14.04
PIC rating..... 168.51
2015 best restaurants awards.....0
voter turnout 69.62

HOW TO READ THE CHART

The chart below shows the 34 towns with a median home value over $325,000. The best possible rating is 1 and the worst is 34 in each category. For information on the sources used, please see page 35.

6 Wilton

population 18,692
crime rate 607.1
2014 graduation rate 97.8
2015 median home value $774,600
equalized mill rate 17.46
PIC rating 123.22
2015 best restaurants awards 2
voter turnout 60.51

7 Lyme

population 2,389
crime rate 516.7
2014 graduation rate 95.6
2015 median home value $404,300
equalized mill rate 11.94
PIC rating 128.46
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 68.12

8 New Canaan

population 20,314
crime rate 620.3
2014 graduation rate 97.6
2015 median home value $1,361,000
equalized mill rate 10.24
PIC rating 34.04
2015 best restaurants awards 3
voter turnout 55.78

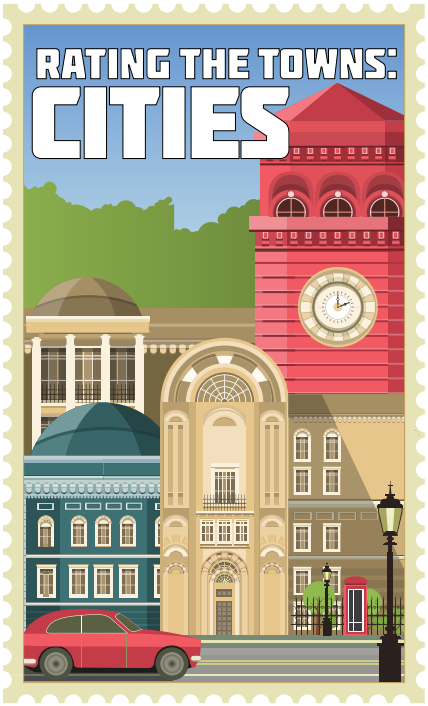
9 Weston

population 10,388
crime rate 358.7
2014 graduation rate 99.5
2015 median home value $816,100
equalized mill rate 18.56
PIC rating 105.38
2015 best restaurants awards 0
voter turnout 60.26

10 Old Lyme

population 7,575
crime rate 665.2
2014 graduation rate 95.6
2015 median home value $350,800
equalized mill rate 14.47
PIC rating 180.60
2015 best restaurants awards 2
voter turnout 69.95

TOWN	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	CULTURE/ LEISURE	ECONOMY	CRIME	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	EDUCATION	TOTAL
Westport	$1,073,300	2	4	26	13	5	**50**
Ridgefield	$623,000	5	9	3	28	6	**51**
Darien	$1,406,500	20	3	8	24	1	**56**
Greenwich	$1,363,800	4	1	21	20	11	**57**
Essex	$340,900	14	16	5	3	22	**60**
Wilton	$774,600	15	7	18	19	2	**61**
Lyme	$404,300	23	8	12	8	13	**64**
New Canaan	$1,361,000	10	2	19	31	4	**66**
Weston	$816,100	31	5	7	22	3	**68**
Old Lyme	$350,800	11	23	20	4	12	**70**
Madison	$406,900	6	21	17	18	10	**72**
Avon	$351,900	13	19	25	9	7	**73**
Killingworth	$343,400	19	26	2	7	24	**78**
Washington	$568,300	8	10	13	16	31	**78**
Guilford	$338,300	9	25	30	2	15	**81**
Bridgewater	$435,900	34	13	6	1	28	**82**
Sharon	$349,400	22	12	15	5	33	**87**
Newtown	$369,500	7	30	11	21	20	**89**
Roxbury	$573,300	32	6	16	6	30	**90**
Easton	$603,900	33	17	9	25	9	**93**
Canton	$340,000	16	28	22	12	16	**94**
Fairfield	$507,800	1	18	32	26	19	**96**
Warren	$347,000	29	14	10	10	34	**97**
Sherman	$434,700	28	15	1	29	25	**98**
Redding	$542,000	25	20	14	33	8	**100**
Brookfield	$341,900	24	27	27	11	18	**107**
Salisbury	$437,700	27	11	24	17	32	**111**
Woodbridge	$399,300	21	22	28	27	14	**112**
Old Saybrook	$357,600	17	24	29	15	29	**114**
Stonington	$389,200	3	29	33	23	26	**114**
Monroe	$354,500	26	33	23	14	23	**119**
New Fairfield	$329,000	30	31	4	34	27	**126**
Orange	$338,700	12	34	34	30	17	**127**
Trumbull	$356,200	18	32	31	32	21	**134**



rating the cities

Big cities are grouped together here because the style of life in one is a very different experience than can be found in most Connecticut towns and suburbs.

One of the most startling figures in this entire enterprise is the median home value in Hartford—$87,300, based on numbers available in August. Given the abundance of cultural options available, plus all the cachet that comes with being the state capital, it seems as though Hartford should be a more desired target for home buyers.

Maybe Hartford would do well to emulate the gradual gentrification that has helped to propel Stamford to the top of this group. Then again, being less than a hour train ride from New York City hasn't hurt either, allowing Stamford to foster a very strong economic base and financial services industry.

Bridgeport, Hartford and Waterbury all tie this time, unlike when we last did this in 2013. Each has had a significant drop in actual crime rates, always welcome news to potential residents.

TOWN	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	CULTURE/ LEISURE	ECONOMY	CRIME	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	EDUCATION	TOTAL
Stamford	$464,900	3	2	2	2	1	**10**
Norwalk	$376,100	4	1	3	3	3	**14**
Danbury	$250,300	6	3	1	4	2	**16**
New Haven	$155,900	1	4	8	5	4	**22**
New Britain	$130,500	8	6	4	1	6	**25**
Bridgeport	$159,900	5	5	5	8	8	**31**
Hartford	$87,300	2	8	7	7	7	**31**
Waterbury	$104,000	7	7	6	6	5	**31**

HOW TO READ THE CHART

The chart above shows Connecticut's eight cites. The best possible rating is 1 and the worst is 8 in each category. For information on the sources used, please see page 35.

1 Stamford

population 128,278
crime rate 1844.1
2014 graduation rate 91.4
2015 median home value $464,900
equalized mill rate 14.99
PIC rating 209.54
2015 best restaurants awards 11
voter turnout 51.26

2 Norwalk

population 88,145
crime rate 2248.8
2014 graduation rate 64.6
2015 median home value $376,100
equalized mill rate 16.34
PIC rating 209.36
2015 best restaurants awards 9
voter turnout 50.66

3 Danbury

population 83,784
crime rate 1727.8
2014 graduation rate 78.9
2015 median home value $250,300
equalized mill rate 19.24
PIC rating 238.89
2015 best restaurants awards 6
voter turnout 46.57

4 New Haven

population 130,282
crime rate 5953.7
2014 graduation rate 75.4
2015 median home value $155,900
equalized mill rate 27.25
PIC rating 386.74
2015 best restaurants awards 15
voter turnout 38.30

5 New Britain

population 72,878
crime rate 3343.9
2014 graduation rate 63.7
2015 median home value $130,500
equalized mill rate 30.61
PIC rating 409.77
2015 best restaurants awards 2
voter turnout 51.14

6 Bridgeport

population 147,612
crime rate 3979.5
2014 graduation rate 65.9
2015 median home value $159,900
equalized mill rate 37.01
PIC rating 403.82
2015 best restaurants awards 4
voter turnout 37.47

6 Hartford

population 124,705
crime rate 5072.2
2014 graduation rate 78.0
2015 median home value $87,300
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Hockanum Mill in Rockville was an eyesore in a state of decay *(below)* before Ken Kaplan began his restoration project. The renovated complex will house, among other things, the New England Motorcycle Museum.

FROM FORGOTTEN TO FUNCTIONAL

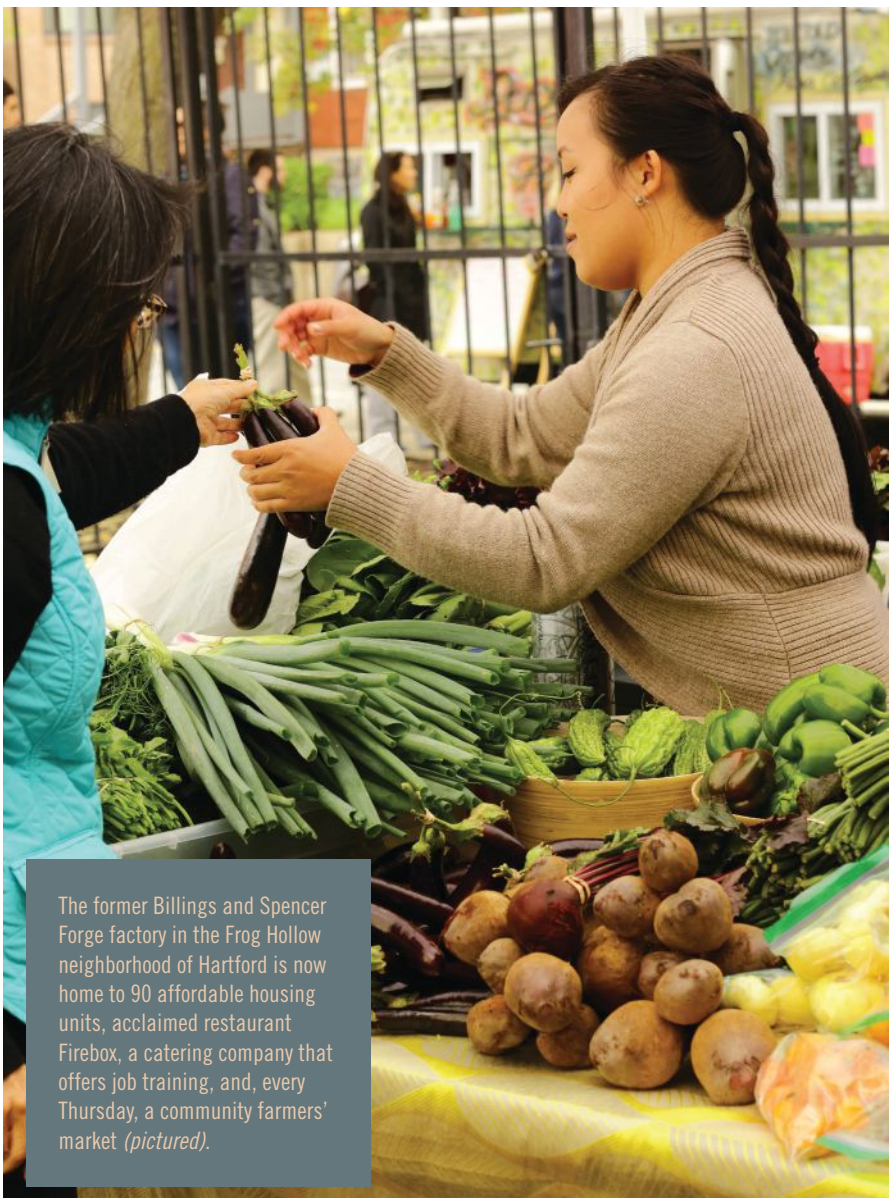
CONNECTICUT HAS BECOME A NATIONAL LEADER IN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT.

BY ERIK OFGANG

When Ken Kaplan toured Hockanum Mill a few years ago, the sprawling 9.38-acre, 11-building complex was a 3-D gallery of decay. Originally built in the early 1800s, it was a textile mill that produced fine fabrics like satin as well as suits for notable figures including President William H. McKinley. But by Kaplan's visit, it had been abandoned for more than six decades and time, mixed with neglect, had taken a toll. Animals had breached the building; it also attracted vandals and some homeless people, and had served as an unofficial dumping ground for the refuse of various companies.

As Kaplan's son Kenny, now 16, puts it, "It was just an absolute mess, it was depressing."

Yet Kaplan saw through the dust and debris littering the old, decaying complex. Where others saw an eyesore, he saw a piece of industrial history that was alive with opportunity.



The former Billings and Spencer Forge factory in the Frog Hollow neighborhood of Hartford is now home to 90 affordable housing units, acclaimed restaurant Firebox, a catering company that offers job training, and, every Thursday, a community farmers' market *(pictured)*.

Hockanum Mill was a brownfield site, an abandoned or under-utilized location where reuse has not occurred due to the possible presence of pollution. The state's Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) estimates there are around one thousand brownfield sites of varying sizes across the state. Many are sprawling, often ugly and sometimes unsafe reminders of Connecticut's once-glorious industrial past.

But over the past few years, an influx of state funding has helped many of these old factories transform into chic centers of communities, full of innovation and creativity that take full advantage of the beautiful architecture of yesteryear.

"Under Governor Malloy's leadership, Connecticut has became one of the national leaders in brownfield redevelopment," says Tim Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner of the DECD. "The state's now invested approximately $138 million dollars in more than 100 projects across the state in the last four-and-a-half years."

According to Malloy's office, in that time, Connecticut has spent more per capita on these type of projects than any other state. Redevelopment of these sites is also a central part of the governor's overall economic development strategy.

"These type of investments can pay many dividends," Sullivan says. "You get the environmental benefit of cleaning up contaminated sites. There are also great opportunities for historical preservation to honor our industrial past and also create new jobs. They also have an important benefit in the context of neighborhood or downtown revitalization in terms of blight removal. Old boarded-up factories aren't good for property values, they aren't good for quality of life, so either reactivating or, in some cases, getting rid of blighted or contaminated properties, has a real significant positive impact."

Former brownfield sites now buzzing with activity can be found throughout the state and include: Two Roads Brewing Co. in Stratford, a brewery that opened inside the former U.S. Baird Building; Harbor Point in Stamford, a former brownfield overlooking Stamford Harbor that has been converted for mixed use as part of an ongoing development; and Winchester Repeating Arms Co. Factory in New Haven, portions of which have been renovated for various uses over the years including most recently the opening of Winchester Lofts, a 158-apartment complex that incorporates much of the historical architecture.

Hockanum Mill is a recent addition to that list and Kaplan is still overseeing the ongoing renovation process. In addition to being home to Kaplan's company, Kaplan Computers, the Mill will serve as the headquarters for the New England Motorcycle Museum. The museum has already opened at the Mill,

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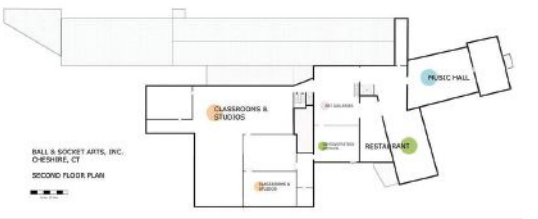
but its main and biggest portion will not open until next Memorial Day. Ultimately, Kaplan aims to make it the largest museum of its kind in the world with more than 600 motorcycles, ranging from an 1874 wooden-and-brass steam-powered machine to more modern, juiced-up speed demons.

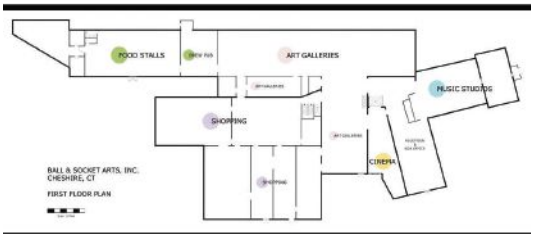
In addition to the museum, the site will house a variety of businesses including a motorcycle repair shop, Kaplan Mill Works, Rockville Construction, a mixed martial arts center, commercial spaces and a restaurant.

"It's going to be absolutely amazing," says Kenny, who handles social media for the project. "It's going to be a great place for you to bring your family on the weekends and hang out at the museum and get a bite to eat."

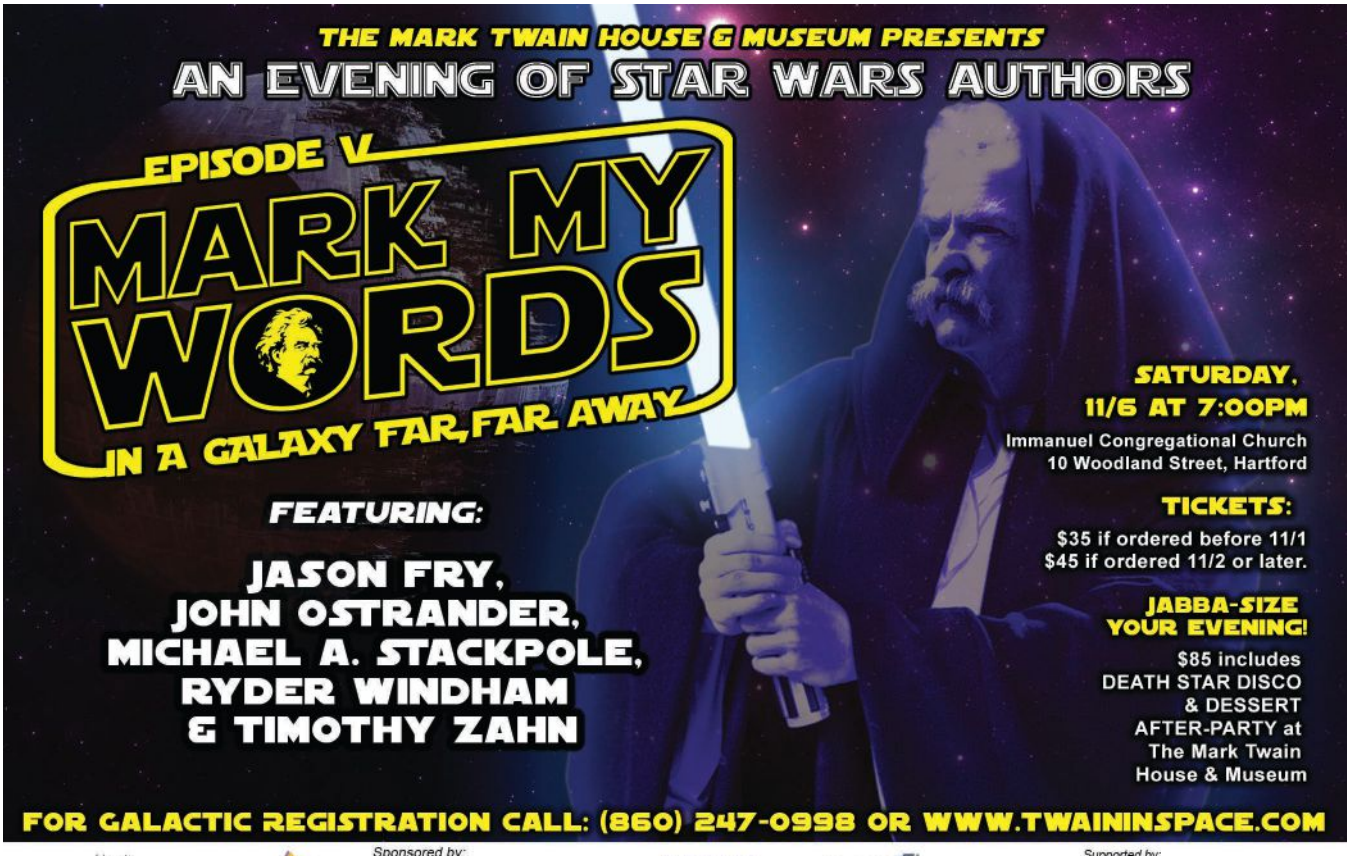
Other projects in development in the state include Cherry Street Lofts in Bridgeport, where developers broke ground in September on what will become a housing complex with a charter school. It will alleviate a city's block worth of blight in one of the state's most visible brownfields off of I-95.

In Cheshire, the Ball & Socket factory was purchased last year by a group hoping to convert a massive 19th-century button factory and its grounds into a multidisciplinary arts, theater and dining destination. The renovated factory is expected to house art galleries, a retail concourse, music and dance studios, a small concert space, a multimedia cinema,





The Ball & Socket Factory in Cheshire (above) is set to become a community arts destination, which will include classrooms, studios, galleries, restaurant space and shopping.



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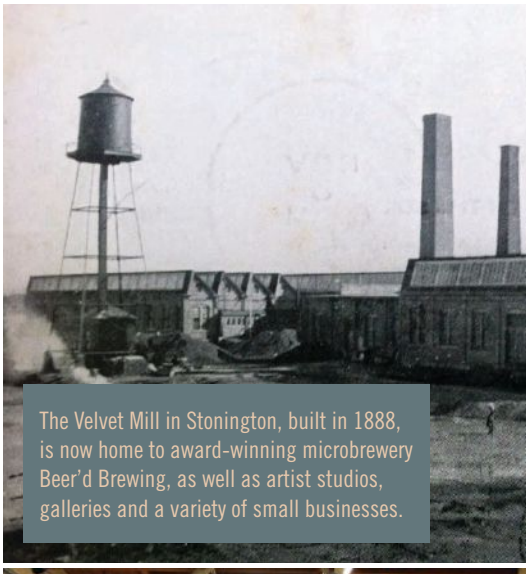

The Velvet Mill in Stonington, built in 1888, is now home to award-winning microbrewery Beer'd Brewing, as well as artist studios, galleries and a variety of small businesses.

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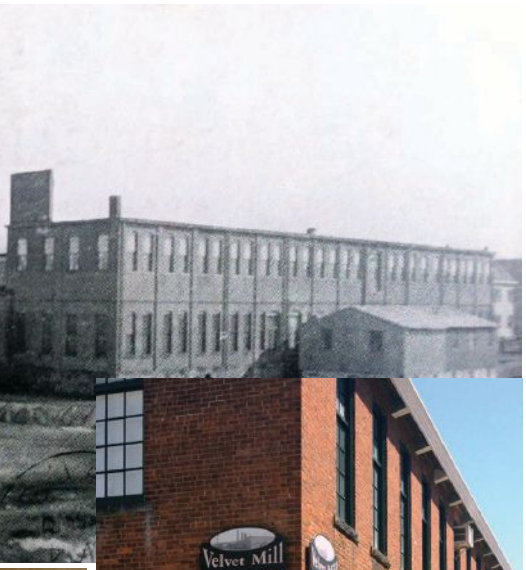

educational spaces, a demonstration kitchen, a fine dining restaurant and a nano-brewery. Ilona Somogyi, who formed Ball & Socket Arts, Inc., with Jeffrey Guimond and Kevin Daly in order to purchase the property, says the goal is to have the renovation complete by 2017, but that might be a bit optimistic.

The Ball & Socket factory needs to be cleared of pollution and decontaminated before renovation can begin in earnest. Even in its current state, Somogyi says the complex, like so many old industrial sites, is full of grandeur.

"I've fallen in love with industrial buildings. Traveling up and down the Amtrak corridor you see so many and they're all rather beautiful. Those building were built so much better than most modern buildings, industrial or not, that it's really a crime and a shame to let them sit fallow and slowly crumble," she says. "Our building is really right in a town center. It's what's classically considered an eyesore and obviously pulling down property values in the surrounding area and putting a strain on the businesses that are nearby. At the same time, because it's so unique and so beautiful, it has potential to have the exact opposite effect on the neighboring communities and business by being a real attraction if it's vital and functioning and open."

Once opened, renovated factories and former industrial sites have a wide range of uses from traditional businesses to affordable

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Kennedy & Perkins recently donated over 2,500 Rx eyeglasses to the Lions Club of Connecticut. Lions Club International distributes recycled eyeglasses to people in need in developing countries around the world. Here is our very own Rick Kennedy with Fred E. Watson of the Hamden Lions Club, accepting our 2015 donation. We are proud to have all six of our Connecticut locations as Lions Club drop-off centers for your old eyeglasses. Stop into any of our stores soon to clean out your dresser drawer and help someone who otherwise wouldn't have the gift of vision.

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Senator Thomas J. Dodd *(front left)* and U.S. Chief Counsel Robert H. Jackson *(front right)* at the Nuremberg Trial.

"MANKIND WILL KNOW THAT NO CRIME WILL GO UNPUNISHED BECAUSE IT WAS COMMITTTED IN THE NAME OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR OF A STATE, AND THAT NO CRIME WILL BE PASSED BY BECAUSE IT IS TOO BIG, THAT NO CRIMINAL WILL AVOID PUNISHMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO MANY."

– SENATOR THOMAS J. DODD

SEVENTY YEARS AGO, CONNECTICUT'S THOMAS J. DODD WAS AT THE CENTER OF ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC TRIALS IN HISTORY. THE SENSATIONAL NATURE OF THE EXPERIENCE GREATLY IMPACTED HIM, HIS LEGACY AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

THOMAS DODD AT NUREMBERG

BY TERESE KARMEL

In *The Oak and the Calf*, published in 1975, a year after the KGB arrested and exiled him to this country, Alexander Solzhenitsyn provided this explanation for his exposé of Soviet treatment of political prisoners: "I must write simply to ensure that it was not all forgotten, that posterity might someday come to know of it."

Though perhaps not as eloquent as the winner of the 1970 Nobel Prize for Literature, the late U.S. Senator from Connecticut, Thomas J. Dodd, had 20 years earlier, expressed the same concern that future generations must never forget the inhumanity of the past. At the time, Dodd (1907-1971) was serving as this country's executive trial prosecutor at the 1945-46 Nuremberg Trial along with legal teams from the Soviet Union, England and France; ultimately, a four-member military tribunal convicted 12 top Nazi government and military officials to death by hanging, sentenced seven defendants to 10 years to life in jail and acquitted three. Among more specific accusations, they all had been charged with planning and bringing about World War II, violating various peace and non-aggression pacts and, most importantly, committing unspeakable "crimes against humanity" through mass executions and forced slave labor of religious and ethnic groups.

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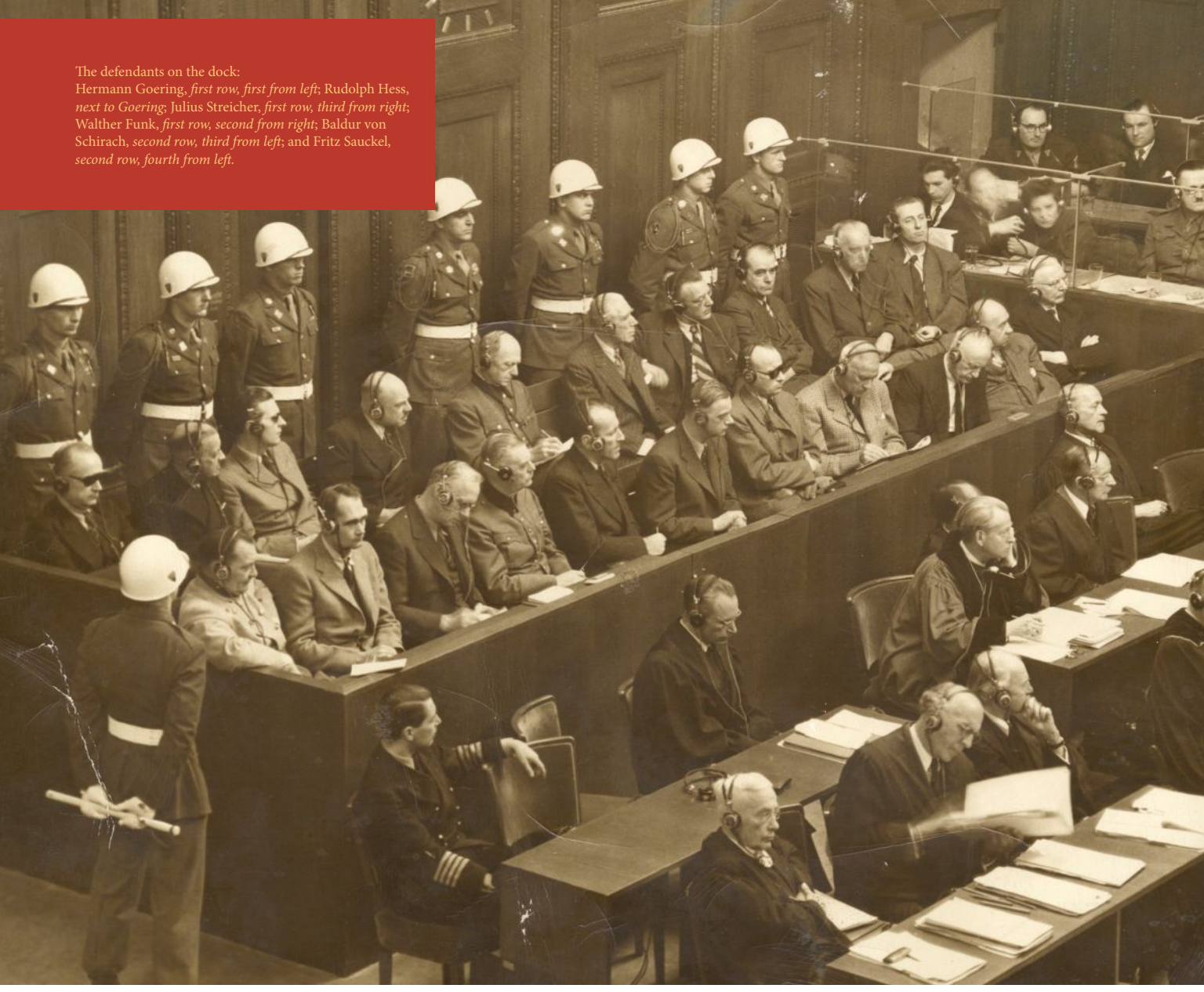

The defendants on the dock: Hermann Goering, *first row, first from left*; Rudolph Hess, *next to Goering*; Julius Streicher, *first row, third from right*; Walther Funk, *first row, second from right*; Baldur von Schirach, *second row, third from left*; and Fritz Sauckel, *second row, fourth from left.*

By his own account, and those of his children, Dodd's life, his politics and his career were permanently altered by this experience.

Dodd's area of research, preparation and prosecution were the concentration and labor camps, where Nazis killed or tortured more than 8 million Jews and others judged as enemies of the Aryan state.

Dodd's personal notes and meticulous research of Nazi documents were the basis of his evidence.

Throughout the Nuremberg Trial, a clear image of Dodd emerges as a man of moral outrage, strict adherence to the letter of the law and competence of the highest order. His concern that future generations learn a lesson from the past is pervasive; his anger is palpable. In his Dec. 11, 1945 opening remarks, he advised the tribunal that "we shall show that within Germany, the conspirators had made hatred and destruction of the Jews an official philosophy and public duty, that they had preached the concept of the master race with its corollary of slavery for others, that they had denied and destroyed the dignity and the rights of the individual human being." The leaders on trial treated "their fellow men as less than beasts," he declared, adding, "These savageries are not dead. They must not become a spreading cancer in the breast of humanity. They must be cut out and exposed." A guilty verdict will "solemnly recall to the world that a moral law existed before the arbitrary conduct of men and governments," he reminded the tribunal toward the end of the proceedings.

Dodd also became a virulent anti-Communist, his suspicion about the Soviet Union appearing long before the trial ended. In a letter included in *Letters from Nuremberg, My Father's Narrative of a Quest for Justice* (a 2007 compilation of letters to his family edited by his son Chris and author Lary Bloom), Dodd compared the Soviets to the Nazis, calling the Russians "predatory and imperialistic."

"Everything that we have charged the Germans with in this case has been done, and worse, is being done by Russia," he wrote in July 1946. "They are terrorizing all of Eastern Europe. I fear there is no common ground between us."

"He couldn't understand why more people weren't outraged by the Soviets," says son Chris Dodd, who represented Connecticut in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate from 1974 to 2011 and is currently CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America. "He was horrified that we would accept this condition of life. He became a lonely voice."

His father was so outraged by the spread of Communism in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and other Soviet-bloc nations, he refused to accept a citation for his work at Nuremberg from the Polish government. In 1946, U.S. President Harry Truman awarded Dodd the U.S. Medal of Freedom.

"I think he also saw early signs of the Cold War," says another son, Thomas J. Dodd Jr., at 80, the oldest of Dodd's six children. A former U.S. ambassador to Uruguay and

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to Costa Rica, and an emeritus professor of Latin American History at Georgetown University, Tom Dodd says his father "used to talk about getting to know the Soviet legal staff but that as soon as they became friends, they disappeared. It happened so frequently, it was alarming to him."

Dodd also became a staunch supporter of the new nation of Israel throughout his years in the U.S. House of Representatives (1953-57) and U.S. Senate (1957-71), and he never forgot the plight of the relatives of and victims of Nazi cruelty who testified during the Nuremberg trials.

"One thing that struck me is that there were a lot of Jewish children in my class and some teachers were Jewish," says Tom Dodd. "In that context, I was aware that some things that they were doing there had some connection to their lives."

After the war, "our house was filled with survivors and families of those who didn't survive. It was like a tidal wave," he adds.

His father was also a frequent speaker at Eastern European social and religious clubs established in this country by emigrants. The senior Dodd's letters home to his family in Connecticut, at the time living on the green in Lebanon, reveal a loving husband, lonely for his wife and children.

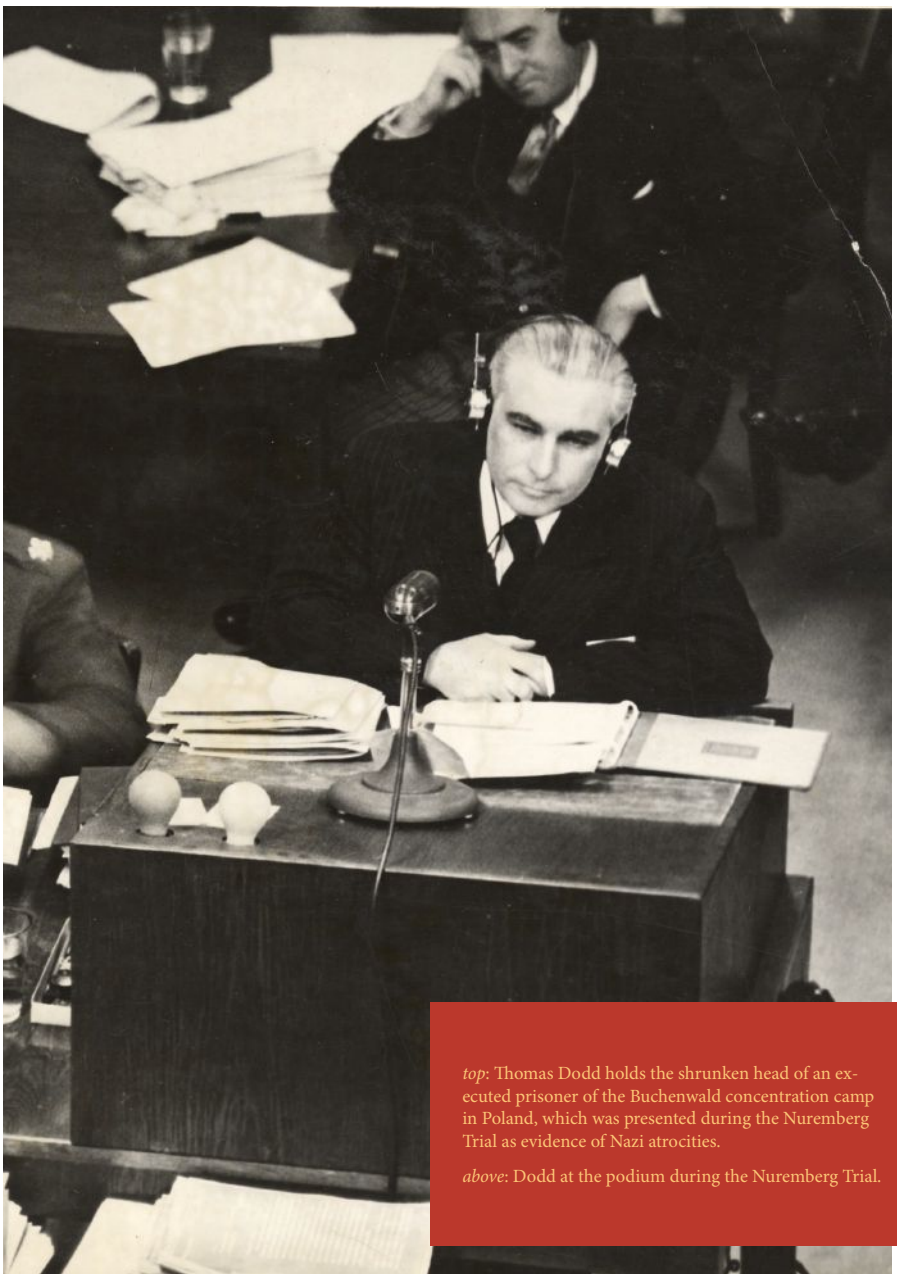
More important to history, however, are his frank observations of the defendants' appearance and character. For example, he described Hitler's third-in-command, Rudolph Hess, who suffered a psychotic break, as "completely balmy" with no memory. Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop was "seedy looking" in "an old brown overcoat, no tie, army shoes with no laces. Here sat the man who paraded all over Europe in fancy dress with the Nazi might and power as a threat behind his diplomacy," he wrote to his wife in August 1945. "He looked like a Bowery character to me."

As the trial brought them nearer to their fate, Dodd described the defendants, such as second-in-command Hermann Goering—whom Dodd once labeled "impish"—as "gray and crest-fallen." Willhelm Keitel, the Nazi top military commander, "wears the mask of the doomed."

At points during the trial, Dodd still appeared shocked by the events with which he had become so familiar.

"It is truly remarkable, it seems to us, how easily the words 'concentration camps' rolled off the lips of these men," he told the tribunal. "How simple all problems became when they could turn to the terror institution of the concentration camps."

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opposed the Nuremberg Trial, preferring the "outlaws" be executed immediately. However, as the proceedings advanced, he softened



top: Thomas Dodd holds the shrunken head of an executed prisoner of the Buchenwald concentration camp in Poland, which was presented during the Nuremberg Trial as evidence of Nazi atrocities.

above: Dodd at the podium during the Nuremberg Trial.

his view and saw them as a way to publicly purge the evil.

Dodd made it clear that the Nazi officials were not ogres with fangs—anticipating by 22 years "the banality of evil" label Hannah Arendt applied to Adolf Eichmann in her book on his trial in Israel. These were not "mere monsters" who killed "in hot blood nor for personal enrichment . . . they are not perverts (nor) ignorant men," Dodd said. "Most are trained physicians and some of them are distinguished scientists . . . who could comprehend the nature of their acts."

Tom Dodd remembers his father being shocked that he had to refer to the defendants as Mr. Goering or Mr. Hess. The fact that they appeared to be so intelligent and normal everyday people also "alarmed him," says Tom of his father. Apparently, "Mr. Goering" would come to be impressed with his adversary, remarking in April 1946 to a fellow prisoner, "That Dodd is smarter than he looks."

For the vast majority of his presentation, Dodd systematically laid out the case against each man, using their memos, records of meetings, conversations, cross examinations, testimony of witnesses and other evidence that the Allied powers had collected after the war. The German high command was fanatical about statistical data, much of which was also salvaged.

The strict adherence to American standards of trial procedures (presentation of evidence, cross examination and counter examinations) was the same as if the principles in the case were arguing an insurance claim. Each defendant was treated separately; most had counsel. A defense of "I was just following orders" was prohibited by the rules of the court—though it was frequently offered.

In the case against Ernst Kaltenbrummer, chief of the Nazi police and author of the "Final Solution" for the so-called "Jewish problem," Dodd told the tribunal that he had attempted an "untenable" defense and described him as a "small man with little authority."

Dodd was clever in his use of the defendants' own words against them. For example, after persistent questioning of Alfred Rosenberg, the official in charge of the Eastern European occupied countries, Dodd introduced a December 1941 memo to Hitler in which he [Rosenberg] used the phrase, "extermination of the Jews," a phrase he denied ever using.

It was Dodd who presented what has come to be regarded as the most dramatic piece of evidence, an event that occurred as the trial was winding down and interest was lagging.

A note to himself, written in his characteristic backhand, states simply "Preserved human head presented as evidence before International Military Tribunal by Thomas J. Dodd—on December 13, 1945."

During a discussion of the atrocities at Poland's Buchenwald concentration camp, Dodd signaled to an aide to whisk away a white sheet covering an object on a table in front of the judges.

"This exhibit . . . is a human head with the skull bone removed, shrunken, stuffed and preserved," he announced. The victim, a Pole, was hanged and decapitated for fraternizing with a German woman. This "terrible ornament," as Dodd called it, was later discovered to have been used by a camp commander's wife as a paperweight. At this point, evidence of tattooed skins turned into lamp shades (only those "most artistic specimens," in Dodd's words) was also introduced.

Dodd's daughter, Carolyn, remembers years later, sneaking up to the third floor of their West Hartford home and rifling through a box of photographs from the trial. "I came across a picture of him holding that head," she says, her act resulting in a severe reprimand by her parents.

When he finally returned home in October 1946, Carolyn recalls her father was relieved to be free of the stress and demands on him. But she and her other siblings say he was alarmed that people in this country really weren't aware of what had gone on during those years in Nuremberg.

At home, there was little said about the trial in front of the kids, although it was the topic of dinner table conversations among adults. Dodd also brought many mementoes of the trial back with him: a fragile paper mache and straw angel for the family Christmas tree that became known as the "angel in our attic;" a flag bearing a swastika; photographs of piles of bodies in pits; and German medals awarded to mothers who bore Aryan children.

The Dodd offspring were instructed to memorize U.S. Chief Counsel Robert H. Jackson's opening address to the tribunal in November 1945, the words of which ("That four great nations, flushed with victory and stung with injury, stay the hand of vengeance and voluntarily submit their captive enemies to the judgment of the law, is one of the most significant tributes that power has ever paid to reason") still roll off his son Chris' tongue without hesitation.

After the trial, Dodd's primary goal was to make sure that future generations learn from the lessons of the past, a concern that was reflected in his advice to the tribunal that "these incredible events be established by clear and public proof, so that no one can ever doubt that they were fact and not fable."

"He came home a changed man," reflects Chris. "It was a life-altering experience. Everything else he did was a reflection of those 15 months." But his main concern remained the future. "He believed by not remembering, people will repeat the same mistakes," adds Chris.

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left: Senator Christopher Dodd and President William J. Clinton at the dedication of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, October 15, 1995.

right: Thomas J. Dodd, Jr., U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay, speaks about human rights in Latin America since World War II at a public forum discussion at the Dodd Center in 1995, 50 years after the Nuremberg Trial.

"He came to the conclusion that complacency is the greatest enemy, that when people stop paying attention to terrorism, this is what can happen," says Carolyn, who lives in an assisted living facility in West Hartford.

His oldest children also remember a dramatic change in their father's appearance.

When he left Connecticut in July 1945, he was a young robust man of 38, with a full head of dark hair. Five months later, with the trial well underway, he surprised his family with a brief Christmas visit.

"He came in very late at night and they woke us up," recalls Carolyn. "I remember telling him, 'You look so different.'"

And indeed he did.

"His hair had turned completely grey. It was not like that when he left. It was black. Anxiety did it to him," Carolyn says.

Her brother, Tom, recalls the same transformation. "He seemed older—I remember that," he says. "It was a crushing experience. I think when he came back, he really couldn't convince people how awful this thing was. He gave a lot of speeches, but he was shocked about how little people knew."

The day-in and day-out grind of preparing and interrogating the Nazis even led Thomas Dodd to question the value of the mission. In a letter of June 9, 1946 to his wife, Grace, three months before his return, he wrote: "Sometimes I wonder if this was worthwhile."

But then frequently, he reaffirmed his belief in the historical significance of the Nuremberg Trial, which became a model for war crime trials thereafter.

"Sometime the real value of this case will be known and understood," he wrote. "As time goes on, I do feel it will be recognized as one of the most important events in the history of the world. "

The written record of these events are now frail, aged documents, typed on legal paper with handwritten notes interspersed, and stored in boxes in the center that bears his name—documents that record the last chapter in the lives of men responsible for one of the most violent and horrific periods of world history.

"In America, we're both blessed and burdened with no memory," says Chris Dodd. "We're blessed because life moves on and we forget. But it's a burden because by not remembering, we repeat the same mistakes."

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THE DODD CENTER AT 20

THE LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT CONTINUES TO BE A REPOSITORY OF HISTORY.

In the late 1980s, Chris Dodd had a conversation with then University of Connecticut President John Casteen III in which the former Connecticut U.S. Senator mentioned that he had hundreds of public and private documents that belonged to his late father, Thomas J. Dodd. A large number were notes, trial briefs, memos and other documents from his 15 months as U.S. executive trial counsel at the Nuremberg Trial in 1945-46 in Germany.

Dodd had discovered the documents in the basement of the Connecticut Supreme Court building in Hartford and was, frankly, at a loss with what to do. He had his pen in his hand to consign it all to remain there—the state had no official archives—when he and Casteen came up with the idea for an archive in Storrs. The discussion led to the creation of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, a state-of-the-art modern library, study center and archive, largely supported by the Dodd family.

The building was officially dedicated on Oct. 15, 1995, by then President Bill Clinton, who returned last month to help celebrate its 20th anniversary. Noted author and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel also spoke at the dedication.

In its two decades, the Dodd Center has become a major repository for documents focusing on human rights. UConn is one of a select few universities to offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in the field of human rights.

Each year, the university awards the Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights. This year it was given to the Clinton Foundation for its work in promoting world health and safety. Previous recipients have included: Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Justice Richard J. Goldstone of the Constitutional Court of South Africa; and organizations such as Mental Disability Rights International, the Center for Justice & Accountability, The Committee to Protect Journalists and the Center for Justice & International Law.

According to center archivists, the nearly 50,000 documents from the Nuremberg Trial are among the most requested of the center's roughly 1,000 special collections, which range from history and records of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, to papers and writings of the Beat poets of the 1950s, to the publications and ledgers of the Connecticut Milk Producers Association and other organizations and agencies.

Partly in response to the public demand for access, the Dodd Center has been digitalizing the Nuremberg material *(archives.lib.uconn.edu)*. In addition, a complete online transcript of the trial is housed at Yale University among its Avalon Project Law, History and Diplomacy texts of historic events.

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Milford

On impulse, en route to New Haven, I stopped off to take a sneak peak at Gulf & Anchor a few weeks before it opened in May in Milford where the Beach House used to be. The place was a hive of pre-opening activity. Could I look around? Sure.

In its beachy-chic new configuration, Gulf & Anchor seemed at once more spacious and cozier than before, with stylishly delineated rooms opening into each other like a chambered *Nautilus*. I was shown the raw bar where guests would chose from a sparkling array of shellfish, the open kitchen with stools in front for watching the chefs in action and the monumental antique wood bar, refurbished and dramatically back-lit. I left with the opening menu in hand. Skate. Halibut. Striped bass. Seafood tower. Portuguese fisherman's stew. This place I had to review.

I held off until autumn when Gulf & Anchor could be expected to have its act together and running smoothly. We arrived on a chilly night, drenched from a sudden rainstorm and huddled at the reservation lectern waiting for someone to seat us. No one came. We finally had to wander around the dining room and bar accosting likely candidates. When we found the right person, he offered us a too-small table six feet from the front door. When we demurred, he told us to "take it or wait—unless you want to sit on a high stool in the bar."

Because I was reviewing and my friends knew the drill, we meekly settled for the drafty table. While we waited for menus, bread and water (again, seemingly forever), I toured the premises. The small dining area in front of the open kitchen was empty and cordoned off. The raw bar was marked by a mound of shaved ice studded with crimson lobster tails and claws—beautiful but for decoration only. The shells were empty. However, we were told, raw bar items, notably a changing selection of oysters, could be ordered from the menu. We did and hit the jackpot.

Playing the game of which-do-you-like-best? We loved them all: Watch Hill oysters from Rhode Island, highly sought after for the assertive oysteriness and addictive buttery finish. Clean, mild, fresh-tasting Conway Cups from Prince Edward Island. Big, light, briny beauties from Wiley Point Mass, all fresh and icy cold.

We were on a roll—a hot lobster roll, which we ordered to share and agreed was right up there with the best lobster rolls in Connecticut. More sweet, tender lobster than bun, glistening with melted butter and flecked with fresh chives.

After that, however, our dining experience followed the same pattern: Disappointingly limited menu, atrocious service and delicious food.

Among the culinary pleasures we shared was a heaping helping of roasted mussels (from Branford Point), served in a cast-iron frying pan that kept them piping hot while we happily devoured almost two dozen. Upon our request, the chef obligingly supplied us with a sampling of the sauces that go with G & A's signature steamed mussel pots: Thai lemon grass and basil cream sauce, Marseille-style white wine, garlic, tomato and saffron sauce, and Cider House sauce made with apple cider, bacon and sage. Each was appealing in a different way but the mussels, dressed simply with extra-virgin olive oil and sea salt, were also good on their own.

Lucky as we are to live on a seacoast famous for its sea scallops, one can tire of them. Gulf & Anchor's ceviche of sea scallops with mango,

THIS PAGE AND OPPOSITE: JEFF KAUFMAN

Opposite: Some of Gulf & Anchor's finest (clockwise from top left): Pan-seared Norwegian salmon; cast-iron roasted mussels; chocolate turtle cake; and Portuguese mussels. This page: Toasted beet salad and lobster roll.

jalapeno, cilantro and red peppers, was a refreshing change.

I had planned to try four seafood entrées but there were only two on the menu. Codfish and salmon. I ruled out the salmon because it was farmed and I prefer wild and it was masked with Indian spices and tikka masala sauce. In contrast, local cod, simply pan-seared, was outstanding. Light, delicate, tasting fresh-caught, flaking away from the fork, it was served with zucchini, leeks, tomatoes, fennel, saffron potatoes and sherry-scented lobster broth. New England fare at its best.

Having exhausted seafood entrées, we tried a boneless rib eye with spinach and mashed potatoes — fine, but nothing special — and "Chicken & Dumplings," which turned out to be a glorious surprise, a sort of Americanized coq au vin, with chicken leg and breast meat, sautéed with bacon, pearl onions and mushrooms in a rich, delectable sauce studded with house-made gnocchi, a.k.a. "dumplings."

Which brought us to dessert, or should have but didn't until after a weary wait, we flagged our waiter and asked for a dessert list. "The dessert list is oral," he announced and launched into a speed-talk recitation, becoming visibly annoyed when we asked him to go slower or sought an explanation.

We're glad we persisted because Gulf & Anchor's house-made desserts ended our meal with an ultra-yummy flourish. Let me count the ways: A classic crème brûlée that would do the French Culinary Institute proud. An old-fashioned chocolate cake drizzled with caramel sauce and strewn with sugar-glazed walnuts. Tangerine ice cream, tempting and tangy. Blueberry-peach crumble made with fresh peaches, tiny wild blueberries and granola, served hot in the baking dish, bubbling with juice unsullied with cornstarch or other thickening agents. The way your great, great grandmother might have made it, if she lived in Maine or on Cape Cod.

Now let us talk promises and perhaps the future of Gulf & Anchor. Our waiter and acting major domo told us in aggrandizing detail that the restaurant was currently "in transition." The menu was being revised. Skate might be back — it was the chef's favorite fish. The bar would serve the hippest cocktails in the state; he would show the bartender how to make them himself. With a new general manager on board, service would improve and all would be well. It might happen. Maybe even by the time you read this. If so, that luscious lobster roll, that aromatic bistro-style chicken, that cod, that peachy-keen blueberry crisp will have me hot-footing it back in a flash.

Gulf & Anchor
141 Merwin Ave., Milford
(203) 877-9300 gulfandanchor.com

Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 5 to 9, Friday and Saturday 5 to 10. Price range: appetizers $6 to $12, entrées $15 to $29, desserts $7 to $8. Wheelchair access. Major credit cards.

Table Talk

BY ELISE MACLAY

Chain Reaction: **Del Frisco's Grille** in Stamford is open. The menu headings tell it all. Food To Fight Over. Two-Fisted Sandwiches. Ruffage. Big Greens. Signature Steak. Flatbreads. Surf. Adult Milkshakes and Butterscotch Pudding Jar. Is this place trendy or what? Will it be successful? With Del Frisco Grilles proliferating all over the country—including Palm Beach, Houston, Phoenix, Washington, D.C., and, as of this writing, Hoboken — all bets are on. *(203) 850-6141, delfriscosgrille.com/stamford*

File this one under make overs: Brought to us by the owner of The Grist Mill Restaurant in Avon, **Nicci G's** heralds an exhilarating leap into what's new and exciting built on what was wonderful in the past. A gleaming new copper bar, high tops instead of booths, sexy cocktails, creative small plates, polenta fries, brussels sprouts and happy hour specials celebrate the way we like to eat today—with an occasional thank-you nod to family tradition. Speaking of: Big, fat voluptuous meatballs made the way the owner's grandmother, Niccolina ("Nicci") made them when she owned a restaurant on Mulberry Street in New York in the 1900s. *(860) 676-8858, niccigs.com*

Yet another new Italian restaurant in Connecticut? In New Haven, no less. Occupying a great space on Orange Street where Central Steak House, and after that, Yolande's Bistro & Creperie used to be, **Fornarelli's Ristorante** is new and trendy by not trying to be. Ignoring the current frenzy to miniaturize, gussy-up and modernize classic Italian home cooking, chef-owner John Fornarelli goes back to his roots in Bari, Italy, where his grandmother made great dishes with no more than four ingredients. But the ingredients had to be farm fresh and wonderful. So it is at Fornarelli's where simple dishes showcase seasonal produce in subtle, un-fussy, made-from-scratch ways. Spinach ravioli stuffed with artichokes in Gorgonzola cream sauce. Egg-battered lemon chicken over polenta. A 16-ounce N.Y. strip steak with roasted potatoes. Mama Fornarelli's bracciole, meatballs and sausage. *Mange. (203) 745-5677, fornarellisristorante.com*

BY KATE HARTMAN

VEGGIES REIGN!

Here are a few of our favorite vegetarian destinations.

G-ZEN ✳ Branford

The brilliant brainchild of the husband-and-wife team of esteemed chefs Mark Shadle and Ami Beach Shadle, G-Zen in Branford takes the well-worn farm-to-table concept to a whole new level. They grow their own organic ingredients on their Shadle Farm in Durham, serve them fresh in their restaurant and compost everything. It's perhaps the most closed-loop model out there and it's serving them—and the vegetarian-seeking public—very well.

G-Zen, which stands for the chefs' green business ethics and belief in living mindfully, has been serving some of the highest quality plant-based cuisine for nearly five years. It has garnered many awards including the "Green Plate Award" for Connecticut's Most Sustainable Restaurant by The Nature Conservancy and "Top Ten Upscale Vegan Restaurants in America" by *Travel + Leisure*.

The Buddha brunch and dinner menus rotate daily. Try the breakfast burrito made with organic, local "Bridge" tofu scramble, homemade salsa, daiya vegan cheese, sautéed greens on a whole-grain spinach wrap with a side of sweet potato G Fries and smoked hickory ketchup. Or perhaps the Kama Sutra—sweet potato, broccoli and veggies simmers in a coconut curry with tofu, diced tomatoes, lemon grass and cashews over brown rice.

There's plenty to love here—and that's because there's so much love in every dish.

(203) 208-0443, g-zen.com

CLAIRE'S CORNER COPIA ✳ New Haven

Claire's Corner Copia, the vegetarian enclave located at the bustling corner of Chapel and College streets in New Haven, is always busy. Students and young professionals, vegetarians, vegans and meat-eaters alike flock here because the food is good. It's as simple as that.

There's a reason this New Haven institution is celebrating 40 years in business this year. Opened by Claire Criscuolo and her late husband Frank in 1975, the focus was (and continues to be) the customers. The website says it best: "Our bottom line is people, and when you care about people, you want to feed them real food."

That food pulls inspiration from around the world with a menu that features dishes such as the gluten-free enchiladas de la casa, barbecue soy chicken flatbread pizza, Bengal curry, mushroom crêpes and Irish breakfast. There is no shortage of soups, salads, sandwiches and pastries here, either. Each is made with care and without ingredients you can't pronounce.

Clarie's commitment to healthy, fresh, delicious food is what has propelled the café to the top of vegetarian and best restaurants lists (including ours), and promises to see them continue to grow in popularity.

(203) 562-3888, clairescornercopia.com

Asian eggplant and baby book chop with fresh green curry and lotus root, 21 Oak.

Raw lemon cashew cheesecake, G-Zen.

21 OAK ✶ Manchester

Opened just this past summer, 21 OAK in Manchester is already making waves in Connecticut's vegetarian pool. It's the delicious doing of chef Shawn Dickensheets, who appeared on Food Network's "Chopped" five years ago and was unfortunately eliminated over Brussels sprouts. In some ways, it was that incident that inspired his latest endeavor.

Dickensheets has long been a meat eater, and even ran a chicken-and-ribs restaurant in Idaho for a while. He's only recently become a vegetarian (since he opened 21 OAK, actually), and is now committed to taking vegetarian food very seriously. He developed his vegetarian and vegan palette by hosting a series of pop-up dinners to rave reviews.

Menus rotate based on the freshness of ingredients. Some impressive options recently available included those pesky Brussels sprouts, pan-seared with coriander, cumin and lemon; lentil-barley cakes with wilted garlic-ginger mixed greens, spiced cauliflower purée and curried coconut-tomato cream; and eggplant rollatini with vegan ricotta, basil-tomato sauce and seasonal veggies.

This BYOB destination is also intimate, able to seat only 20 diners at a time, but that only ensures highly personal service.

(860) 533-9218, 21oakmanchester.com

HEIRLOOM FOOD COMPANY ✶ Danielson

"At Heirloom, we know and love our local farmers," proclaims the Heirloom Food Company's website. The farmers feature prominently on a chalkboard titled "Locals on Board" in this Quiet Corner organic café and juice bar. Produce and products are sourced from local farmers and artisans in an effort to invigorate the local economy and use environmentally conscious procurement methods. Oh, and to serve delicious food. Let's not forget that part.

Heirloom has topped our Best Restaurants vegetarian/vegan list for the last two years and it won the "No. 1 Under-the-Radar Amazingness Award" at the Vegan CT 2014 Awards.

All the praise is due to mouth-watering dishes like the Beta Burger, which includes an organic lentil, beet, brown rice and almond patty topped with organic raw cheddar or vegan cheese, organic veggies and vegan dill "mayo" on an organic sprouted wheat bun. Or the Avocado Detox salad with mixed greens, chopped apples and sliced avocado topped with sesame seeds, walnuts, cranberries and lemon juice.

Every recipe here begins vegan (except the tuna wrap and turkey sandwich), so that means you can order anything vegan and gluten-free, including baked goods.

And the lengthy list of juices, smoothies, coffees and teas include drinkable delights like the Heirloom Sunrise (organic carrot, apple, lemon and ginger juice) or the Jolt smoothie (coconut milk, organic espresso, cocoa powder and soy milk.)

(860) 779-3373, eatheirloomfood.com

BLOODROOT ✶ Bridgeport

There's nothing else quite like Bloodroot—not in Connecticut anyway—and that's what makes it great. A bookstore and a vegetarian/vegan restaurant with a definitive feminist sway, this Bridgeport institution was founded as a meeting place for like-minded men and women. Now, nearly three decades later, the mission is the same and the food is delicious.

Local, seasonal and organic food reigns supreme here. Bloodroot prides itself on featuring diverse dishes from around the globe, like its Puerto Rican root vegetable stew San Cocho, spicy Thai chicken, the Greek delicacy spanokopita and much more. Don't miss the Sunday brunch menu, which includes a variety of omelets as well as popular selections like sourdough pancakes with peaches and shitake mushroom quiche.

"Things are a little different here," the owners concede. "It's evident from the moment you step inside the door. This is a feminist vegetarian restaurant." That means there's no cash register. No waitresses. You place your order with the woman behind the desk, enjoy your food indoors or out and bus your own table when you're done. Feminism influences everything here from the furniture to the background music. It's an experience—and a delicious one at that.

(860) 533-9218, bloodroot.com

IT'S ONLY NATURAL ✶ Middletown

When a restaurant is consistently named "Connecticut's Best Vegan Restaurant" in the *Hartford Advocate*'s Reader's Poll since 1992, you know you're in for a quality meal. ION Restaurant in Middletown has been serving up globally influenced vegan meals for years and diners are drawn here whether they are vegan or not. It's the combination of flavors and techniques that pushes ION above the rest, and allows people to forget the lack of meat and dairy in the dishes.

Executive chef Tamara Cayer has crafted a delightfully diverse menu featuring seasonally fresh ingredients for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A recent trip to the swanky streetside restaurant saw us enjoying the Butternut Bacon Burger (roasted butternut squash, tempeh bacon, red onion and marinated kale) with a kale and quinoa salad. That was

Haley juice, ION.

washed down with the Haley juice, a yummy combination of carrot, apple and ginger root.

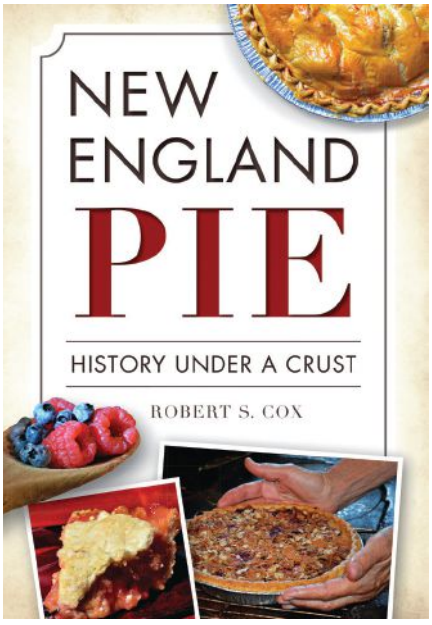
But that's really just a sample of what's available here. Soups, salads, sandwiches, appetizers and entrées are not in short supply. The harvest pumpkin and sweet onion bisque, potato and spinach pierogis and the gluten-free sweet potato enchilada are just a few favorites. Rotating specials keep the offerings exciting and there's a lengthy menu of organic juices, smoothies, wines and cocktails to try.

(860) 346-9210, ionrestaurant.com

Serving Up Pie's Humble History in New England

Connecticut, like the rest of New England, has a long and often decadent history with pies. But for our culinary ancestors, sweetness was only half of the pie equation.

"While a lot of us today think of pie as something sweet, our ancestors were just as enthusiastic about savory pies like chicken, turkey or seafood," says historian Robert S.



Cox, from Massachusetts. "They certainly liked their apples and blueberries, an all-American fruit, but the word 'pie' was as likely to evoke an image of a chicken as a cherry."

Cox is the author of *New England Pie: History Under A Crust* that, just in time for Thanksgiving, examines the history of the celebrated food one tasty tale at a time.

In accordance with the pie-eating habits of the era, an early Connecticut Thanksgiving feast was likely to have both savory and sweet pies. "For many of our ancestors, chicken pies were as essential at the Thanksgiving table as the turkey or members of the family. One bird was never enough," Cox says.

Another difference between modern and earlier pies was the crust. "In early pies, the crust wasn't shortened, the fat was left out, meaning that they were hard, rather than crumbly or flaky, and were usually thick and inedible," Cox explains. "In most cases, the crust was meant to be discarded or, perhaps, left for the pigs or servants, maybe in that order."

Cox adds, "Pots and lids weren't needed in a crust like this. A cook built up a wall of pastry to seal the contents during cooking, and the hard shell that resulted had other benefits: by keeping air and bugs away from the stuff inside, it helped preserve the goodies in the days before refrigeration was even imagined, and a good, thick 'coffin'—to use the term that was often used—was convenient for transporting the goodies. I get a kick out of thinking of pie as a way of preserving delicate and perishable foods, but I still haven't wrapped my head around what it would be like to eat a month-old pie."

Though Cox writes and discusses pie history in a lively, humorous manner, he is quick to point out that the history of this food and cooking in general reflects larger trends in the nation's history. For instance, while fighting for abolition "antislavery advocates take up maple sugar, and maple pie, as a substitute for cane sugar raised on the backs and bodies of the enslaved," he says.

He adds, "We all need to eat and because it is universal, food may be one of the very best ways to look at our culture." | E.O. |

Alligator Tenders
The Landing Zone Grill, Harwinton

ONE DISH

Crocs rule. Or at least their alligator cousins do when they're prepared by a chef with a nose for Cajun spice and a understanding of southern culinary tradition.

The Landing Zone Grill in Harwinton is one of only a few restaurants in Connecticut serving gator and one of even fewer nailing this food with deep (swampy) roots in the American south.

Alligator tender pieces look similar to fried fish or chicken. At the Landing Zone, it arrives on the plate topped in pepper and other spices, with sliced pickles and a delicious tangy side-sauce. It tastes not at all like chicken. In a spot-on description, Joseph Furnari, chef and owner at The Landing Zone, says the amphibian-like flavor tastes like a cross between calamari and veal.

Furnari uses family recipes and gets his alligator meat from a farm in the wetlands of Florida, west of Palm Beach. Alligators are active and muscular so the meat is protein-rich and largely free of fat. As a result, Furnari says it's difficult to get the meat tender enough and alligator is often served too chewy. Furnari takes pride in his gator-tenderizing skills and the finished product has a nice consistency that is a great dish for adventurous eaters in Connecticut looking for something off the beaten path.

Beyond the alligator tenders, The Landing Zone Grill is far from a cookie-cutter restaurant. Located near the former Johnny Cake Airport, it is a no-frills establishment rich on character: License plates and film memorabilia line the wall in a deliberately wild, haphazard fashion; the placemats contain a list of John Wayne's films; and in the men's bathroom, a story from this magazine about the legend of the Winsted Wild Man hangs not far from a vintage map of Nevada brothels.

The prepared-fresh menu includes Cajun-inspired dishes like frog legs and ultra hot chicken wings. There are also signature burgers, a solid craft beer selection and surprisingly good non-meat options including an unexpected kale salad special that is delicious.

(860) 485-2733 | E.O. |

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Aranci 67 • ***Italian*** Excellent Sorrento-style Italian food made by the former chef at Le Fontane. Menu includes best-in-class pasta dishes. • 7 Main St., Georgetown (Redding), (203) 587-1300 (aranci67.com). Closed Tues. D L (Sat.-Sun.), $$, WA

Artisan • ***New England*** A farm-to-table restaurant with New England-inspired seasonal cuisine. • 275 Old Post Rd., Southport, (203) 259-2800 (artisansouthport.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Bernard's • ***French*** Consistently serving perfectly executed seasonal entrées in an elegant country setting. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 20 West La., Ridgefield, (203) 438-8282 (bernardsridgefield.com). Closed Mon. L (Tues.-Sun.) D SB, $$$, E, WA

Bloodroot • ***Vegetarian*** Offers a seasonal menu that might include Vietnamese summer rolls, the Bloodroot burger and Mexican mole. • 85 Ferris St., Bridgeport, (203) 576-9168 (bloodroot.com). Closed Mon. L (Tues., Thurs.-Sat.) D SB, $$, WA

Bobby Q's Bodacious Barbeque & Grill • ***Barbecue*** The real deal: BBQ nachos, baby-back ribs, the brisket Reuben, burnt ends and lots more. • 42 Main St., Westport, (203) 454-7800 (bobbyqsrestaurant.com). Open daily. EL D, $$, E, WA

Brasitas • ***Latin Fusion*** Exciting contemporary Latin Fusion cuisine with traditional accents. • 430 Main Ave., Norwalk, (203) 354-7329; 954 E. Main St., Stamford, (203) 323-3176 (brasitas.com). Open daily. L, D, $$

The Capital Grille • ***Steak*** Located in the heart of downtown Stamford this classic-style steakhouse serves dry-aged porterhouse as well as creative seafood dishes like citrus-glazed salmon. • 230 Tresser Blvd., Stamford, (203) 967-0000 (thecapitalgrille.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $$$, E, WA

Cesco's Trattoria • ***Italian*** Chef Aldo Chiamulera's new restaurant is a sophisticated riff on an Old World country villa. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 25 Old Kings Hwy., Darien, (203) 202-9985 (cescostrattoria.com). Open daily. L D, $$$, WA

Coromandel Cuisine of India • ***Indian*** A wide range of tasty Indian fare is served in a small, tastefully done space. • 25-11 Old Kings Hwy. N., Darien, (203) 662-1213; Coromandel Bistro, 86 Washington St., Norwalk, (203) 852-1213; 68 Broad St., Stamford, (203) 964-1010; 17 Pease Ave., Southport, (203) 259-1213 (coromandelcuisine.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$, WA

Crave 52 • ***American*** Dishes like eggplant stack, fish tacos, the Crave 52 Burger, meatball and lobster ravioli are served in an atmosphere that provides a seamless extension from elegant dining into a stylish, attractive bar setting. • 52 Sanford St., Fairfield, (203) 292-8080 (crave52.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$, WA E

Dolce Cubano • ***Cuban*** A high-energy good time at this waterfront stunner. On the menu: Havana Buffalo wings, grilled oysters with tequila and sage butter and classic Spanish paella. • 78 Southfield Ave., Westport, (203) 817-0700 (dolcecubano.com). L D SB LS, $$

Elm • ***American*** World-class chef Brian Lewis makes culinary magic here—with the freshest local, top-quality ingredients—in an elegant minimalist environment. And there's a great Sunday brunch. • 73 Elm St., New Canaan, (203) 920-4994 (elmrestaurant.com). Closed Monday. D SB, $$$, WA [★★★ 11/13]

The Fez • ***Moroccan*** In addition to excellent Moroccan fare—with small plates (kabobs, falafel salad) and large (slow-braised lamb shank, swordfish tagine)—The Fez serves up equally as eclectic live music nightly. • 227 Summer St., Stamford, (203) 324-3391 (thefez1.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D LS, $$

Fin • ***Japanese*** Specializes in fresh, imaginative sushi and authentic Japanese cuisine. • 1253 Post Rd., Fairfield, (203) 255-6788; 219 Main St., Stamford, (203) 359-6688 (fin-sushi.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$, WA

F.I.S.H. • ***Seafood*** This mod-elegant restaurant features a variety of excellently prepared seafood favorites and a special section of the menu that lets you choose your fish and how it's cooked. • 245 Bedford St., Stamford, (203) 724-9300 (fishstamford.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Thurs.) D, $$$, WA [★★★ 7/14]

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana • ***Pizza*** While world-famous white clam pizza is the standout, just about any pie here is worth the wait. • 238 Commerce Dr., Fairfield, (203) 333-7373; 59 Federal Rd., Danbury, (203) 790-7373 (pepespizzeria.com). Open daily. L D, $, WA

Gabriele's Italian Steakhouse • ***Italian*** Gabriele's is large and luxe, so are the steaks, which include filet mignon served on the bone, Wagyu and bone-in porterhouse. • 35 Church St., Greenwich, (203) 622-4223 (gabrielesofgreenwich.com). Open daily. D, $$$

Geronimo Tequila Bar & Southwest Grill • ***Southwestern Fusion*** A mix of traditional Native American, Mexican, Spanish and Anglo-American fare, with bold flavors and authentic ingredients. • 2070 Post Rd., Fairfield, (203) 955-1643 (geronimobarandgrill.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$ [★★ 7/13]

Hoodoo Brown Barbeque • ***American*** This laid-back barbecue bar and restaurant features a delicious blend of Texas, Kansas City, Carolina and other styles that will leave you craving more. • 967 Ethan Allen Hwy., Ridgefield, (203) 438-6033 (hoodoobrownbbq.com). Closed Mon. D $$ WA

Joseph's Steakhouse • ***American*** Known for a New York-style steakhouse experience with gems such as prime dry-aged beef. • 360 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, (203) 337-9944 (josephssteakhouse.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $$$, WA

l'escale • ***French*** A stylish, romantic dining room overlooking Greenwich Harbor that serves superb Provençal cuisine. • 500 Steamboat Rd., Delamar Greenwich Harbor, Greenwich, (203) 661-4600 (lescalerestaurant.com). B L D LS SB, $$, WA

Liana's Trattoria • ***Italian*** Liana DiMeglio's homemade pastas and sauces pack 'em in at this cozy little gem. • 591 Tunxis Hill Rd., Fairfield, (203) 368-1235. Closed Sun.-Mon. D, $$

Little Pub • ***American*** Great food, generous drinks, seasonal menus and a lively pub atmosphere where you'll feel right at home. • 59 Ethan Allen Hwy., Ridgefield, (203) 544-9222 (littlepub.com). Open daily. L D, $$

Market Place • ***American*** Featuring American farm-to-table cuisine with a locally sourced menu. • 33 Mill Plain Rd., Danbury, (203) 616-5836 (marketplacedanbury.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$, WA

Match • ***American*** The farm-fresh, seasonal menu at this upscale SONO restaurant changes daily but always offers something intriguing. • 98 Washington St., South Norwalk, (203) 852-1088 (matchsono.com). Open daily. D L (Wed.-Fri.), $$$

Ondine • ***French*** Serves French dishes such as duck foie gras with rhubarb-and-fig compote. One of the classic Fairfield County restaurants. • 69 Pembroke Rd. (Rte. 37), Danbury, (203) 746-4900 (ondinerestaurant.com). Closed Mon.-Tues. D SB, $$$, WA

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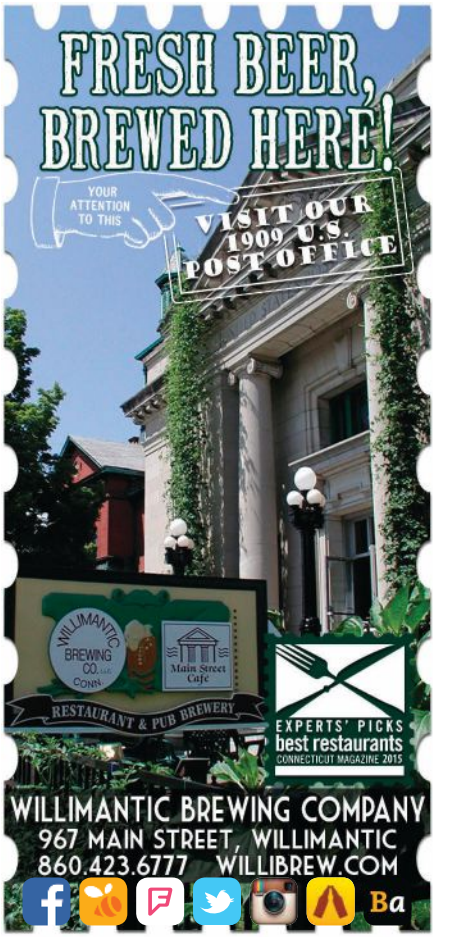

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Pink Sumo • ***Sushi*** Sushi and other Japanese specialties are served in a sleek atmosphere along with sake and cocktails. • 4 Church La., Westport, (203) 557-8080 (pinksumoct.com). Open daily L D LS (Fri.-Sat.), $, WA

Pho Vietnam • ***Vietnamese*** A family-owned restaurant serving authentic Vietnamese food with fresh produce, choice meats and seafood. • 56 Padanaram Rd., Danbury, (203) 743-6049 (rivebistro.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Redding Roadhouse • ***American*** This cozy, classic-style pub features seafood and meat classics as well as an assortment of artisan cheeses, a good beer list and specialty cocktails. • 406 Redding Rd., Redding, (203) 938-3388 (thereddingroadhouse.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$, E, WA

The Spinning Wheel • ***American*** Enjoy a quintessentially New England-inspired menu with seasonal specials, local and homegrown accents, and modern adaptations of traditional comfort dishes. This classic style pub has 12 types of beer on tap, a rum-inspired drink menu and is housed within a newly renovated historic saltbox style house that dates back to 1742. • 109 Black Rock Tpke., Redding, (203) 664-4000 (swredding.com). Open daily. L (Thur.-Sat.) D $$$, WA

Tazza Osteria • ***Creative Italian*** Try favorites like grilled octopus, hanger steak, meatballs and brick oven pizza in a modern and trendy atmosphere. • 116 Post Rd., Fairfield, (203) 292-8810 (tazzaosteriabar.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D, $$, W

Uberti's Fish Market • ***Seafood*** Specialties include fish-and-chips, stuffed scallops, lobster rolls and deep-fried lobster at this seafood market. • 88 Ferry Blvd., Stratford (203) 377-1429. Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Sal e Pepe Contemporary Italian Bistro • ***Northern Italian*** Offers superb cuisine with a contemporary flair, from fresh pastas and sauces to unique specials and classics with a modern twist. • 97 South Main St., Newtown, (203) 426-0805 (salepeperestaurant.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Vespa • ***Italian*** Upscale dining with a frequently changing menu that utilizies local ingredients. • 2 Post Rd., Westport (203) 557-9057 (vespawestport.com). D (Mon.-Sun.), $$, WA

Walrus + Carpenter • ***Barbecue*** Sink your teeth into the barbecue offered at this sleek eatery in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport. The customer favorite is the Notorious P.I.G. • 2895 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport (203) 333-2733 (walruscarpenterct.com). Open daily. L D, $$ WA

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Abigail's Grille and Wine Bar • ***American*** A completely remodeled 1780 tavern blending classic charm with upscale casual dining. Try Gorgonzola-topped pork chops or cedar-plank Atlantic salmon. • 4 Hartford Rd., Simsbury, (860) 264-1580 (abigailsgrill.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D SB, $$, WA

Artisanal Burger Company • ***American*** Gourmet burgers are the specialty here but they are only the beginning of the culinary delights diners will experience at the restaurant. • 1436 Pleasant Valley Rd., Manchester, (860) 644-0046 (artisanalburgercompany.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$, WA [★★½ 5/15]

@the Barn • ***American*** This 170-seat, 4,000 square foot ultra-sleek steak house and wine bar features multiple dining areas, steaks, seafood, small plates and a wine list selected by a certified sommelier as well as a wide array of martinis, specialty cocktails and craft beers. • 17R E. Granby Road, Granby (860) 413-3888 (atthebarngranby.com). L D (Tues. - Sun.) $$, WA

À Vert Brasserie • ***French*** Owned by two chefs who in recent years have been making the Connecticut foodie world sit up and take notice, this restaurant offers beautiful food combined with imagination, perfectionism and zest. • 35 LaSalle Rd., West Hartford, (860) 904-6240 (avertbrasserie.com). Open daily. L D, LS, $$, WA

Barcelona Restaurant & Wine Bar • ***Spanish Mediterranean*** Barcelona's newest location in a popular line of hip, European-style restaurants. • 971 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, (860) 218-2100 (barcelonawinebar.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D LS, $$, E, WA

Bear's Smokehouse Barbecue • ***Barbecue*** Let your inner bear roar at these finger-lickin' good Kansas City-style barbecue joints owned by competitive eating champion Jamie McDonald. • 89 Arch St., Hartford, (860) 724-3100; 2152 Poquonock Ave.,Windsor, (860) 999-3834 (bearsbbq.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Carbone's Kitchen • ***Italian*** Established in 2012, this casual-dining little brother to Carbone's Ristorante uses fresh and local ingredients to prepare old-school Italian classics. • 6 Wintonbury Mall, Bloomfield, (860) 904-2111 (carboneskitchen.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $$, WA

Carbone's Ristorante • ***Italian*** This old-school, fine-dining Italian restaurant was established in 1938 and has survived as long as it has for a reason. Dishes include lobster risotto, grilled veal chop and eggplant, chicken and veal parmigiano. • 588 Franklin Ave., Hartford, (860) 296-9646 (carbonesct.com). Closed Sun. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $$$, WA

Cavey's Restaurant • ***Italian/French*** Choose from handmade pasta and house-cured salumi in the Northern Italian restaurant upstairs, or soufflé and buttery foie gras in the luxurious French restaurant downstairs. Enjoy a cocktail with some light jazz in a casual lounge while you decide.• 45 E. Center St., Manchester, (860) 463-2751 (caveysrestaurant.com). Closed Mon. D, $$, E, WA

Confetti • ***Italian*** Offers Italian-American cuisine with a celebratory vibe. Also caters and operates the Big Red Truck food truck. • 393 Farmington Ave., Plainville, (860) 793-8809 (idineconfetti.com). Closed Mon. & Tues. D (Wed.-Sun.) SB, $$

Doogie's Hot Dogs • ***American*** Featured on Travel Channel's "Man vs. Food," this road-food way station is home to the two-foot hot dog. Other specialties include burgers, fries, seafood and Philly cheese steaks. • 225 Berlin Tpke., Broad St., Newington, (860) 666-DOGS (doogieshotdogs.com). Open daily. L D, $, WA

Firebox • ***New American*** Firebox boasts a seasonal, Connecticut farm-inspired menu including seared Stonington scallops and Connecticut farm-raised lamb. • 539 Broad St., Hartford, (860) 246-1222 (fireboxrestaurant.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $$, E, WA

First & Last Tavern • ***Italian*** Offers authentic Italian cuisine such as salads, pastas and brick oven pizzas in a casual atmosphere. • 939 Maple Ave., Hartford, (860) 956-6000; (bakery cafe) 920 Maple Ave., Hartford, (860) 956-7000; 26 West Main St., Avon, (860) 626-2000; 32 Cooke St., Plainville, (860) 747-9100 (firstandlasttavern.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar • ***American*** A premier destination for prime meats and chops, fresh fish and poultry, with a sophisticated wine list. • Blue Back Square, 44 South Main St., West Hartford, (860) 676-WINE (flemingssteakhouse.com). Open daily. D, $$, WA

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana • ***Pizza*** While world-famous white clam pizza is the standout, any pie here is worth the wait. • 1148 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, (860) 236-7373; 221 Buckland Hills Dr., Manchester, (860) 644-7333 (pepespizzeria.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $, WA

GoldBurgers • ***Burgers*** The big (with a capital B) juicy specialties at GoldBurgers are all made with locally sourced beef and include the venue's namesake, the GoldBurger, a monster of a burger made with two patties and crowned by potato chips. • 1096 Main St., Newington, (860) 665-0478. Open daily. L D, $, WA

Grants Restaurant, Bar & Patisserie • ***Continental*** A West Hartford institution serving inventive dishes like braised lamb shank, pistachio-crusted Idaho trout and chocolate-caramel opera cake. • 977 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, (860) 236-1930 (billygrant.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D, $$, WA

Joey Garlic's • ***Italian*** Enjoy New Haven-style brick-oven pizzas, fresh-ground burgers, grinders and pasta in a family-friendly atmosphere. • 150 Kitts La., Newington, (860) 372-4620; 372 Scott Swamp Rd., Farmington, (860) 678-7231; 353 Park Rd., West Hartford, (860) 523-5639 (joeygarlics.com). Open daily. L D, $, WA

Majorca • ***Spanish*** Named for a Spanish island in the Mediterranean Sea, this modern Hartford restaurant offers tapas and well-prepared dishes like duck confit. • 2074 Park St., Hartford, (860) 231-1003 (majorcact.com). Open daily. L (Thur.-Sun.) D, $$, WA [★★ 10/15]

Max Downtown • ***American*** Features global cuisine, chophouse classics, a fine wine list and lighter fare in the tavern. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 185 Asylum St., Hartford, (860) 522-2530 (maxrestaurantgroup.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D LS, $$$, WA

Max Fish • ***Seafood*** A lively, upscale fish house serving a daily selection of fresh seafood and great steaks. The Shark Bar is more casual, offering lighter fare and Max classics in an up-tempo environment. • 110 Glastonbury Blvd., Glastonbury, (860) 652-3474 (maxfishct.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D LS, $$

Metro Bis • ***American*** The restaurant's got a lovely new home at Simsbury 1820 House, but the focus hasn't changed—classically grounded innovation, seasonally oriented and ever open to a playful riff or two. • 731 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, (860) 651-1908 (metrobis.com). Closed Sun. L D, $$, WA

The Mill on the River • ***American*** Pan-seared Chilean sea bass and pork chop Milanese are tops at this former gristmill. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 989 Ellington Rd., South Windsor, (860) 289-7929 (themillontheriver.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D SB, $$, WA

Millwright's Restaurant • ***American*** Tyler Anderson dazzled us for years at The Copper Beech Inn. Now, he's wowing all comers at this sparkling restaurant. • 77 West St., Simsbury, (860) 651-5500 (millwrightsrestaurant.com). Closed Mon.-Tues. D, $$$, WA

ON20 • ***Contemporary French/American*** Savor panaromic city views and sophisticated atmosphere along with sumptuous seasonal cuisine. • 400 Columbus Blvd., 20th Floor, Hartford, (860) 722-5161 (ontwenty.com). L (Mon.-Fri.) D (Wed.-Sat.), $$ (L) $$$ (D), E

Republic • ***Gastropub*** Handcrafted beers, boutique wines and small-batch bourbons are offered at this high-end pub. • 39 Jerome Ave., Bloomfield, (860) 216-5852 (republicct.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D LS, $$ [★★½ 10/14]

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Ruth's Chris Steakhouse • ***Steak*** Billed as "the steak that speaks for itself" the steaks served here are USDA Prime. In addition, the restaurant utilizes locally sourced produce in its recipes. • 2513 Berlin Tpke., Newington, (860) 666-2202 (ruthschris.com). L (Sun.) D $$$, WA

Sayulita • ***Mexican*** Named for a Mexican fishing village, this restaurant has a party vibe and uses top-of-the-line ingredients. Specialties include a variety of tacos and Ceviche de Playa. • 865 Maine St., Glastonbury, (860) 430-9941 (cantinasayulita.com). Open daily. D, L (Sat.-Sun.) $$, WA [★★ 7/14]

Shady Glen • ***American*** A dairy bar/restaurant known for cheeseburgers and ice cream. • 840 Middle Tpke. E., Manchester, (860) 649-4245; 360 Middle Tpke. W., Manchester, (860) 643-0511. Open daily. L D, $, WA

Sorella • ***Italian*** A new kid on the block from restaurant pros Billy Carbone and Dan Keller, who own Dish across the street. • 901 Main St., Hartford, (860) 244-9084 (sorellahartford.com). L (Mon.-Sat.) D $$, WA

Tisane Euro-Asian Café • ***Asian Fusion*** The diverse menu is complemented by over 40 specialty martinis and other specialty drinks. Try the Far East nachos, wings trio, Tisane Cobb salad, noodle bowls and espresso steak. • 537 Farmington Ave., Hartford, (860) 523-5417 (mytisane.com). Open daily. L D SB, $, E, WA

Trumbull Kitchen • ***American*** "Global comfort food" is served at communal tables at this sophisticated city brasserie. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 150 Trumbull St., Hartford, (860) 493-7417 (maxrestaurantgroup.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D LS, $$, E

Vinted Wine Bar & Kitchen • ***Tapas*** This exciting restaurant in Blue Back Square serves 68 wines by the glass along with an ambitious small-plates menu. 63 Memorial Rd., West Hartford, (860) 206-4648 (vintedwinebar.com). Open daily. D, $$, WA

The Willows • ***American*** A suave boîte in the DoubleTree Hotel helmed by star chef Leo Bushey III. On the menu: vanilla-poached lobster, pot-au-feu and pork tenderloin roulade with sun-dried fruit. • 42 Century Dr., Bristol, (860) 589-7766 (doubletree-bristol.com). Open daily 5 to 10. D, $$$, WA [★★★½ 8/13]

Wood-n-Tap • ***American*** Hip, fun eateries known for great burgers and great beer. You'll also love the pizza, pasta, salads, nachos and sandwiches. • 99 Sisson Ave., Hartford, (860) 232-TAPS; 1274 Farmington Ave., Farmington, (860) 773-OPEN; 420 Queen St., Southington, (860) 329-0032; 12 Town Line Rd., Rocky Hill, (860) 571-9444 (woodntap.com). Open daily. L D LS, $, WA

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Arethusa al Tavolo • ***New American*** This high-flying country restaurant serves sparkling dishes like butter-poached halibut with crab paella, rack of lamb and a glorious reinvention of Peking duck. • 828 Bantam Rd., Bantam, (860) 567-0043 (arethusaaltavolo.com). Open Thurs.-Sun. D, $$$, WA

Backstage • ***American*** Enjoy casual American fare prepared from scratch—salads and soups, creative small plates, hand-formed Angus patties on house-baked rolls—and 40 beers on tap. • 84 Main St., Torrington, (860) 489-8900 (backstageeatdrinklive.com). Open daily. L D LS SB, $$, E, WA

Carmen Anthony Fishhouse • ***Seafood & Steak*** Carmen Anthony offers an impressive variety of fresh-only seafood, big Maine lobsters (up to five pounds) and thick Black Angus steaks. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 757 Main St., Woodbury, (203) 266-0011. Open daily. L D LS, $$$, E, WA

Carole Peck's Good News Cafe • ***New American*** Chef Carole Peck offers original dishes like warm crab taco and chicken tagine. • 694 Main St. S., Woodbury, (203) 266-GOOD (goodnews-cafe.com). Closed Tues. L D, $$

Community Table • ***American*** Chef Joel Viehland offers a seasonal menu using only ingredients grown, raised or foraged within a 200-mile radius. • 223 Litchfield Tpke., Washington, (860) 868-9354 (communitytablect.com). Closed Tues.-Wed. D SB, $$, WA

The Cookhouse • ***Barbecue*** "Slo-smoked" baby-back ribs and pulled pork are the name of the game here. • 31 Danbury Rd. (Rte. 7), New Milford, (860) 355-4111 (thecookhouse.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Gifford's • ***American*** Enjoy a melting pot of a menu that features the flavors of Thailand, Tuscany, Vietnam, Morroco and France, as well as local farm fare. In winter guests can enjoy a fireplace, in summer they can eat outside on an awning-shaded dining terrace. • 9 Maple St., Kent, (860) 592-0262 (jpgifford.com). Closed Mon.-Tues. D, $$$, WA [★★½ 6/14]

The Hopkins Inn • ***Austrian/American*** A country inn with an Old World atmosphere known for wiener schnitzel, backhendl and fresh-caught trout. • 22 Hopkins Rd., Warren, (860) 868-7295. Closed Mon. B L (Tues.-Sat.) D, $$$

John's Café • ***New American*** A popular spot for New American cuisine with a Mediterranean accent: grilled pizzas, ricotta gn-

occhi and salmon with morels. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 693 Main St. S., Woodbury, (203) 263-0188 (johnscafe.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D, $$, WA

The Painted Pony • ***American*** This cozy spot offers a variety of dishes, from prime rib and steak to pasta and pizza. Live entertainment every Thurs. • 74 Main St. (Rte. 61), Bethlehem, (203) 266-5771 (paintedponyrestaurant.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D, $, E, WA

Pastorale • ***French/Mediterranean*** Housed in a 1760s Colonial, Pastorale uses local and organic ingredients in dishes like pan-seared Idaho rainbow trout, chicken paillard and moules marinière. • 223 Main St., Lakeville, (860) 435-1011 (pastoralebistro.com). Closed Mon. D SB, $$, WA

Patty's Restaurant • ***American*** A delightful breakfast experience with generous portions—the menu is influenced by season and might include treats such as raisin French toast or apple, walnut and cranberry pancakes. • 499 Bantam Rd., Litchfield, (860) 567-3335. Open daily. B L $

The Restaurant at Winvian • ***French*** Chef Chris Eddy constantly changes the menu, using simple and seasonal ingredients accented with unusual and fresh findings. • 155 Alain White Rd., Morris, (860) 567-9600 (winvian.com). Closed Mon.-Tues. L D, $$$, WA

River Bistro • ***Mediterranean*** Located on the banks of the Housatonic River, River Bistro offers fine Mediterranean cuisine with a Spanish accent. The house specialties include a variety of tapas and traditional paella. • 300 Kent Rd., New Milford, (860) 355-4466 (riverbistro.net). Closed Mon.-Tues. L (Sun.) D, $$, WA

Salsa Restaurant • ***Southwestern*** Salsa highlights Southwestern cuisine with house-made mild-to-hot New Mexican-style dishes, fajitas, quesadillas and house-made salsas. • 31 Bank St., New Milford, (860) 350-0701. Closed Mon. L D, $, WA

Scarpelli's • ***American*** Since 1936, Scarpelli's has been offering classic comfort foods like chicken parmigiana, meat loaf, fried chicken and fish-and-chips. • 865 Migeon Ave., Torrington, (860) 482-7977 (scarpellisclassiccatering.com). Open daily. B L D, $$, WA

Venetian Restaurant • ***Classic Italian*** Enjoy seasonal specials and traditional fare like house-made pasta. • 52 East Main St., Torrington, (860) 489-8592 (thevenetianrestaurant.com). Closed Tues. L (Mon.-Sat.) D, $$, WA

The Village Restaurant • ***American*** A historic pub and restaurant in the heart of Litchfield. Veal Bartalucci, Parmesan-and-horseradish-encrusted salmon and cheeseburgers top the menu. • 25 West St., Litchfield, (860) 567-8307 (villagelitchfield.com). Open daily. L D, $$

West Street Grill • ***New American*** An innovative restaurant with a star-studded clientele and menu to match. Serves wild fish, handmade pasta and organic salads. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 43 West St., Litchfield, (860) 567-3885 (weststreetgrill.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$$, R (on weekends), WA

The White Hart • ***Farm to Table*** High-quality cuisine made from an A-list of farm sources served in a rustic, recently remodeled historic country inn dating to 1805. • 15 Under Mountain Rd., Salisbury, (860) 435-0030 (whitehartinn.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$, WA [★★★ 6/15]

The White Horse Country Pub • ***American*** Serves American pub favorites like burgers, ribs and seafood bake, along with some English ones—shepherd's pie, fish-and-chips and bangers and mash. • 258 New Milford Tpke., Washington, (860) 868-1496 (whitehorse-countrypub.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$, WA

Yokohama • ***Japanese*** Delicious tempura and teriyaki dishes, plus sushi and sashimi. • 131 Danbury Rd., New Milford, (860) 355-0556 (yokohama-sushi.net). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

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Alforno • ***Northern Italian*** Known for a great selection of house-made ravioli, including veal osso buco with fresh ricotta ravioli, butternut squash ravioli and wild boar ravioli, as well as tagliatelle Bolognese and arugula chicken. • 1654 Boston Post Rd., Old Saybrook, (860) 399-4166 (alforno.net). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Angelico's Lake House • ***American*** Overlooking Lake Pocotopaug, Angelico's features great outside dining and a tiki hut. Try the spinach risotto, roast prime rib, stuffed salmon or lobster ravioli with sautéed shrimp. • 81 North Main St., East Hampton, (860) 267-1276 (angelicoslakehouse.com). Open daily. L D LS SB, $$, E, WA

Baci Grill • ***Modern Italian*** Try house specialties like grilled mango-and-chipotle pork loin, chicken sausage and broccoli rabe pasta, Guinness skirt steak and scallop risotto at this casual, trendy restaurant. • 134 Berlin Rd., Cromwell, (860) 613-2224 (bacigrill.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$, E, WA

Boom • ***American*** Dine on the outdoor deck overlooking a sea of yachts. Favorites include fried oysters, filet mignon Oscar with crabmeat-sherry cream and BBQ duck quesadillas. • Brewer's Pilots Point Marina, 63 Pilots Point Dr., Westbrook, (860) 399-2322 (boomrestaurant.info). Open daily. L D SB, $$, WA

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Chicago Sam's • ***American*** This beloved sports bar takes sports fanaticism to new heights showing every NFL, MLB, NBA and NHL game. When it comes to the menu this place is also a winner. • 51 Shunpike Rd., Cromwell, (860) 635-1860 (chicagosams.com). Open daily. L D LS, $, E, WA

Cuckoo's Nest • ***Mexican*** Housed in a 200-year-old barn, Cuckoo's Nest has been serving nachos, fajitas, Cajun shrimp and scallops for over 35 years. • 1712 Post Rd., Old Saybrook, (860) 399-9060 (cuckoosnest.biz). Open daily. L D SB, $$, E, WA

El Pulpo Restaurant & Tapas Bar • ***Mediterranean*** Paella de mariscos and Vieiras a la Plancha (grilled diver sea scallops and lobster over fray fontina cheese risotto and champagne sauce) are among the highlights of this romantic restaurant. • 386 Main St., Middletown, (860) 788-7525. Open daily. L D, $$

Eli Cannon's • ***Beer Bar*** The Connecticut innovator of the modern beer bar, Eli Cannon's has been pouring sought-after brews since long before it was a trendy business model. Food favorites here include the famous nachos, chicken wings (there's 20 custom sauces), the classic cannon burger and the blackened chicken wrap.• 695 Main St., Middletown, (860) 347-3547 (elicannons.com). Closed Mon. L (Fri.-Sun.) D LS, $$, WA

First & Last Tavern • ***Italian*** Offers authentic Italian cuisine such as salads, pastas and brick oven pizzas in a casual atmosphere. • 220 Main St., Middletown, (860) 347-2220, (firstandlasttavern.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Fresh Salt • ***American*** Drink in the glorious water view while savoring cioppino, merlot-braised short ribs, osso buco and Block Island swordfish. • 2 Bridge St., Old Saybrook, (860) 395-2000 (saybrook.com). Open daily. B L (Mon.-Sat.) D SB, $$$, E, WA

Gabrielle's • ***American Bistro*** Gabrielle's is an upscale bistro serving grilled tenderloin of beef, pan-seared scallops and pan-roasted fillet of salmon. • 78 Main St., Centerbook, (860) 767-2440 (gabrielles.net). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D SB, $$, WA

Gelston House • ***American*** This historic restaurant offers unparalleled views of the Goodspeed Opera House and the Connecticut River. Entrées include pan-seared duck breast, filet mignon and lamb ragout. • 8 Main St., East Haddam, (860) 873-1411 (gelstonhouse.com). Closed Mon. L (Tues.-Sun.) D LS SB, $$, E, WA

Good Elephant at Restaurant L&E • ***Vietnamese*** The elephant in this room is flavor—and lots of it. From five spice duck to sushi-grade tuna this restaurant serves the salty, sour, bitter and sweet flavors of Vietnamese cuisine. • 59 Main St., Chester, (860) 526-5301 (goodelephantcafe.com). D (Wed.-Sat.) $$ [★★½ 7/15]

The Griswold Inn • ***American*** The beloved 1776 "Gris" features classic New England cuisine in the dining room, small plates and 50 wines by the glass in the wine bar, and a lively taproom. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 36 Main St., Essex, (860) 767-1776 (griswoldinn.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$$, E, WA

La Boca Mexican Restaurant and Cantina • ***Mexican*** Sizzling fajitas, carne asada, grilled mahi mahi and the La Boca classic burrito are just some of the Mexican cuisine favorites offered at this fun restaurant with a patio and live music. • 337 Main St., Middletown, (860) 347-4777 (labocamexican.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$, E, WA

La Foresta • ***Italian*** This big and beautiful ristorante serves garden-fresh, ingredient-driven fine Northern Italian cuisine. It also has a VIP wine cellar and one of the state's best wine selections. • 163 Route 81, Killingworth, (860) 663-1155 (laforestarestaurant.com). Open daily. D, $$, WA [★★★ 3/15]

Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale • ***Seafood*** This Connecticut institution serves all manner of fresh seafood, from hot lobster rolls to baked stuffed shrimp to fried whole-belly clams. • 86 Boston Post Rd., Westbrook, (860) 669-0767 (ljfishtale.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Liv's Oyster Bar • ***Seafood*** Liv's is a stylish, small neighborhood restaurant housed in an old movie theater. Stonington sea scallops, wild salmon, organic chicken and heirloom vegetables top the menu. • 166 Main St., Old Saybrook, (860) 395-5577 (livsoysterbar.com). Closed Tues. D, $$, WA

Luigi's • ***Italian*** Enjoy classic Italian favorites like seafood cannelloni, chicken leonardo, veal parmigiana, whole clams, prime rib and other dishes. • 1295 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, (860) 388-9190 (luigis-restaurant.com). Closed Monday (except in July and August). D, $$, WA

Mondo Restaurant • ***Pizza*** This casual, family-owned restaurant specializes in brick oven New York-style thin crust pizza. There is also a beer and wine bar. • 10 Main St., Middletown, (860) 343-3300 (mondomiddletown.com). Open daily, L D $$, WA

NoRA Cupcakes • *Bakery* The offbeat and creative cupcakes here are beloved far and wide. The cupcake shop also features coffee, croissants, soup, bread and more. If you can't make it to Middletown keep an eye out for Lil' NoRA Cupcake Truck. • 700 Main St., Middletown, (860) 788-3150 (noracupcake.com). Closed Mon. $

Restaurant L&E/French 75 Bar • *French* Upstairs you'll find formal, elegant dining and a seasonal menu while downstairs offers a more traditional bistro experience. • 59 Main St., Chester, (860) 526-5301 (restaurantlande.com). Open daily. D LS, $$$, WA

River Tavern • *American* Farm-to-table pioneer Jonathan Rapp wears top toque at this town fixture. On the menu: made-to-order guacamole, grilled Stonington swordfish, New York strip. • 23 Main St., Chester, (860) 526-9417 (rivertavernrestaruant.com). Open daily. L D $$

The Tea Kettle Restaurant • *Breakfast* This breakfast and brunch destination specializes in gluten-free and paleo dishes from pancakes and muffins to waffles and eggs benedict. The jumbo-sized pancakes are popular. • 1395 Boston Post Rd., Old Saybrook, (860) 577-5039 (theteakettlerestaurant.com). Open daily. B L $, E, WA

Westbrook Lobster • *Seafood* Offers the freshest fish possible in dishes ranging from baked stuffed lobster to teriyaki-grilled salmon to seafood paella. • 346 Boston Post Rd., Clinton, (860) 664-9464 (westbrooklobster.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

New Haven County

116 Crown • *American Tapas/Small Plates* Dine on sliders, pizzettes and charcuterie and cheese in a loungelike atmosphere—along with exciting and creative house cocktails. • 116 Crown St., New Haven, (203) 777-3116 (116crown.com). D LS, $$, E, WA

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Bar Bouchée • *French* Jean Pierre Vuillermet's classic bistro has a black-and-white tile floor, pressed-tin-style walls and ceiling and a zinc bar. On the menu: duck leg confit, charcuterie and beef bourguignon. • 8 Scotland Rd., Madison, (203) 318-8004. Open daily. D, $$

Barcelona Restaurant & Wine Bar • *Spanish Mediterranean* A hip restaurant serving Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine—including tapas, hot and cold. *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. • 155 Temple St., New Haven, (203) 848-3000 (barcelonawinebar.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$, WA

Bin 100 • *Mediterranean* Feast on delicious Mediterranean cuisine elegantly served in a spacious dining room. • 100 Lansdale Ave., Milford, (203) 882-1400 (bin100restaurant.com). Open daily. D SB, $$, E, WA

Bistro Mediterranean • *Mediterranean* This casual and relaxed restaurant has Spanish and Mediterranean influences and offers a variety of beloved dishes including scallops parrilla, paella and brussels sprout salad. • 383 Main St., East Haven, (203) 467-2500, (bistromediterraneanandtapasbar.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Ceviche • *Latin Fusion* Several different styles of ceviche are offered here. In addition the place features a variety of sizzling Latin dishes, cocktails and 30 different types of tapas. Try the Granada Mojito, which features pomegranate flavors. • 530 Middlebury Rd., Middlebury, (203) 527-7634 (cevichelatinkitchen.com). Closed Monday. L (Wed.-Thurs.) D LS, $$, WA

Claire's Corner Copia • *Vegetarian* A café-style spot offering globe-trotting dishes like organic-mushroom crêpes, Bengal curry, Irish breakfast and Lithuanian coffee cake. • 1000 Chapel St., New Haven, (203) 562-3888 (clairescornercopia.com). Open daily. B L D SB, $, WA

Consiglio's Restaurant • *Classic Italian* Family-owned and -run for over 70 years, Consiglio's is known for classic home-style favorites like homemade cavatelli and braciole, eggplant rollatini and lasagna. • 165 Wooster St., New Haven, (203) 865-4489 (consiglios.com). Open daily. L (Tues.-Fri., Sun.) D, $$

Dino's Seafood • *Seafood* Lobster melt, lobster roll, clam strip platter, Rhode Island Chowder, the Dino Burger and local craft beers are served in a casual setting. • 150 Washington Ave., North Haven, (203) 239-5548 (dinosseafood.com). Closed Mon. L D(Tues.-Sun.) $$

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Geronimo Tequila Bar & Southwest Grill • *Southwestern Fusion* A mix of traditional Native American, Mexican, Spanish and Anglo-American fare, with bold flavors and authentic ingredients. • 271 Crown St., New Haven, (203) 777-7700 (geronimobarandgrill.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D, $$ [★★ 7/13]

Goodfellas Restaurant • *Italian* The extensive menu is a veritable Best Hits of Italy, featuring pastas and gnocchi, pork chop Milanese, steak pizzaiola, veal saltimbocca and the chef's signature filet cognac. • 702 State St., New Haven, (203) 785-8722 (goodfellasrestaurant.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Heirloom • *Modern Continental* Chef Carey Savona serves dishes like crab cakes with fennel and vermouth butter and herbed gnocchi with rapini and tomatoes. • The Study at Yale, 1157 Chapel St., New Haven, (203) 503-3919 (studyhotels.com). Open daily. B L (Mon.-Sat.) D SB, $$, WA

J. Christian's • *New American* A smart, lively restaurant and lounge that takes no shortcuts in preparing New American cuisine with a Southern accent. • 9 North Main St., Wallingford, (203) 265-6393 (jchristians.com). Closed Mon. L D, $$

La Tavola Ristorante • *Classic Italian* Enjoy a twist on classic Italian cuisine with prosciutto-wrapped figs, pumpkin ravioli and pepper-encrusted Ahi tuna. • 702 Highland Ave., Waterbury, (203) 755-2211 (latavolaristorante.com). Closed Sun. L D, $$, WA

Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale • *Seafood* This Connecticut institution serves all manner of fresh seafood, from hot lobster rolls to baked stuffed shrimp to fried whole-belly clams. • 501 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, (203) 691-6619 (ljfishtale.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

L'Orcio • *Contemporary Italian* This upscale contemporary restaurant features an outdoor patio and a menu of house-made pastas, grilled whole fish and steaks with seasonal cuisine. • 806 State St., New Haven, (203) 777-6670 (lorcio.com). Closed Mon. L (Fri.) D, $$

Moxie • *American* High-end American cuisine is the star here. Try the perfectly cooked burger that comes with awesome fries doused in kosher salt and malt vinegar powder. • 52 Wall Street, Madison, (203) 421-6963, moxie-bar.com. Closed Mon. D (Tues.-Sun) L (Fri.-Sun.), $$, WA

Miya's • *Sushi* A sushi restaurant like no other, thanks to chef Bun Lai's unique creations. • 68 Howe St., New Haven, (203) 777-9760 (miyassushi.com). Closed Sun.-Mon. L D, $$$, WA

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Park Central Tavern • *American* The dynamic weekly menu showcases signature entrées and classic favorites made with fresh New England ingredients. • 1640 Whitney Ave., Hamden, (203) 287-8887 (parkcentraltavern.com). Open daily. L D, $, WA

Ristorante Luce • *Classic Italian* Enjoy the double-cut veal chops, pane cotto, risotto pescatore and daily fish specials. Extensive wine list. • 2987 Whitney Ave., Hamden, (203) 407-8000 (ristoranteluce.net). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $$

Roìa • *French/Italian* This new spot in the Taft Hotel building evokes a golden era when romance reigned. On the menu: artichoke soup, chicken al mattone and panna cotta. 261 College St., New Haven, (203) 200-7045 (roiarestaurant.com). D (Wed.-Sun.), $$, WA

Sake Fusion Restaurant • *Asian Fusion* Indian pancakes with curry sauce and Vietnamese-style grilled pork are just a few of the Asian-fusion dishes on the menu. • 730 Main St. S., Southbury, (203) 264-2888 (sakefusionsouthbury.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Sat.) D, $, WA

Sans Souci • *American* A casual mainstay in the area that prides itself on offering fresh pasta, steak, chicken, veal, seafood and other crowd pleasers. • 2003 N. Broad St., Meriden, (203) 639-1777 (sanssoucirestaurant.com). Closed Mon. L (Tues.-Fri.), D, $$

Señor Pancho's • *Mexican* A festive spot serving up terrific fresh salsa and margaritas to go with mole poblano, steak ranchero and fajitas. • 280 Cheshire Rd., Prospect, (203) 758-7788; 385 Main St. S., Southbury, (203) 262-6988 (senorpanchos.com). Open daily. L D SB, $, E, WA

Solun Tapas Bar & Restaurant • *Spanish* Solun is Spanish for "the sun and the moon" and this restaurant promises an escape from the ordinary with a wide array of tapas and other food classics from Spain. • 245 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, (203) 298-9741 (soluntapasbar.com). Open daily. L (Tues.-Sun.) D (Tues.-Sat.) SB, $$, E, WA

Thali Regional Cuisine of India • *Indian* Chic, exotic and fun. Thali dinners include Konkan crab, lamb chops and Andhra chicken curry. • 4 Orange St., New Haven, (203) 777-1177 (thali.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$, WA

The Wharf • ***New American*** This great spot at the Madison Beach Hotel serves up steak tartare, cioppino and grilled Berkshire pork chop with roasted fennel—with a side of water views. • 94 West Wharf Rd., Madison, (203) 350-0014 (madisonbeachhotel.com). Open daily. B, L (Mon.-Sat.), D. $$$, WA

Wood-n-Tap • ***American*** Hip, fun eateries known for great burgers and great beer. You'll also love the pizza, pasta, salads and sandwiches. • 311 Boston Post Rd., Orange, (203) 799-9663; 970 N. Colony Rd., Wallingford, (203) 265-9663 (woodntap.com). Open daily. L D LS, $, WA

Zafra Cuban Restaurant & Rum Bar • ***Cuban*** With a collection of 300 different kinds of rum—one of the largest in the country—this New Haven establishment is Connecticut's first true rum bar. Small, dark and atmospheric, this hip locale features chef Tadahiro ("Haya") Hayasaka's subtle and sometimes fanciful take on Cuban soul food. • 259 Orange St., New Haven, (203) 859-5342 (zafrarumbar.com). Open daily. L (Tues.-Fri.) D LS, $$, WA

New London County

Al Dente • ***Italian*** Savor the mouthwatering flavors of frutti di mare, farfalle con pollo and medaglioni de manzo, followed up with cannoli or tiramisu at this Italian dining gem. • Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, (800) Foxwoods (foxwoods.com). Open daily. D, $$$, E, WA

Alta Strada • ***Italian*** Try favorites like chittara with spicy lobster and fresh peas and grilled lamb chops with asparagus, potato and pickled onion salad. • MGM Grand at Foxwoods, 240 MGM Grand Dr., Mashantucket, (860) 312-2582 (altastradarestaurant.com). Open daily. L D, $$$

Ballo Italian Restaurant & Social Club • ***Italian*** A sumptuous restaurant inspired by the magnificent 12th-century Abbey of San Galgano in Siena. On the menu: pizza and pasta, striped bass and veal porterhouse. • Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, (860) 862-1100 (balloitalian.com). L D, $$, WA

Bar Americain • ***American*** This brasserie serves up Bobby Flay specialties like lobster-avocado cocktails, buttermilk-fried chicken with biscuits—and big-time glamour. • Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, (860) 862-8000 (baramericain.com). Open daily. D, $$

Bleu Squid • ***American*** A bakery and cheese shop serving 30 cheeses and 40 different cupcakes. Also serves up grilled cheese sandwiches to go, freshly made and to order, including the best-selling lobster grilled cheese. • 27 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, (860) 536-6343 (dessertsmysticct.com). Open daily. L D, $, WA

Bobby's Burger Palace • ***American*** This burger palace serves an array of burgers inspired by chef Bobby Flay's extensive travels. Each is a tribute to a different American regional flavor and tradition. • Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, (888) 226-7711 (bobbysburgerpalace.com). Open daily. L D, $$ WA

Breakwater • ***Seafood*** This restaurant is located where Skipper's Dock used to be and offers stunning views and ocean-to-table dishes including some with Asian or Latin-American touches.• 66 Water St., Stonington, (860) 415-8123 (breakwaterstoningtton.com). Open daily. L D, $ WA [★★½ 7/15]

The Captain Daniel Packer Inne • ***American*** This 1754 whaler's inn features a view of the Mystic River along with dishes like lemon pepper chicken, filet mignon and salmon • 32 Water St., Mystic, (860) 536-3555 (danielpacker.com). Open daily. L D, $$$ WA

Caffé NV • ***Greek*** Greek cuisine is the specialty at this restaurant with stained-glass windows and brick walls. Some favorites include pasta a la Philip and shrimp Saganaki. • 57 Boston Post Rd., Waterford, (860) 444-8111 (cafenv.com). Closed Sun. L D LS, $$, WA

C.C. O'Brien's • ***Irish Pub*** A neighborhood sports pub with great food, friendly service, sports on 20 HDTVs and live entertainment on Saturday nights. • 8 Mechanic St., Pawcatuck, (860) 599-2034 (ccobriens.com). Open daily. L D LS, $$, WA

Cedar's Steakhouse • ***American*** Offers lounge seating and cozy booths. Diners can count on the finest cuts of certified dry-aged prime beef and fresh seafood. • Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, (800) FOXWOODS (foxwoods.com). Open daily. L D, $$$, WA

Chaplin's & Friends Bistro • ***Seafood*** Specializes in locally caught seafood and regional American bistro favorites. Standouts include halibut sautéed with almonds, tuna with fresh mango and roasted red-pepper sauce and swordfish garnished with salsa. • 165 Bank St., New London, (860) 990-5263 (chaplinsandfriends.com). Open daily. D, $$, WA

The Chestnut Grille • ***American*** The winning seasonal menu here includes succulent treats such as pan-roasted duck breast and seared diver scallops. • The Bee and Thistle Inn, 100 Lyme St., Old Lyme, (860) 434-1667 (beeandthistleinn.com). Closed Sun.-Mon. D, $$$, E

Chester's Barbecue • ***BBQ*** Mouthwatering, slow-cooked barbecue is the name of the game here. Choose from BBQ favorites like smoked ribs, chicken, brisket and burnt ends. • 943 Poquonnock Road, Groton. (860) 449-6868 (chestersbbq.com). Open daily. L D, $$

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Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana • ***Pizza*** While world-famous clam pizza is the standout, many other varieties are also worth the wait. • Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, (860) 862-8888 (pepespizzeria.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $, WA

Gaspar's Restaurant • ***New American Cuisine*** Enjoy award-winning lobster bisque, sushi rolls and other sea-to-table delicacies made from fresh seafood. Ambience is old-school classy with white tablecloths, red roses and candlelight. • 385 Bank Street, New London, (860) 440-3663 (gasparsnewlondon.com). Open daily. L D SB, $$, WA

Harbour House Restaurant and Bar • ***Seafood*** Enjoy ahi tuna tacos, lobster, grilled swordfish and other seafood favorites in a casually elegant and comfortable setting with stunning water views. • 3 Williams Ave., Mystic, (860) 536-8144 (harbourhousect.com). Open daily. L (Mon.-Fri.) D, $$, E, WA

Inishmor Pub • ***Irish American*** Get a taste of the old country at this authentic Irish pub where specialties include Gaelic favorites like chips and curry and shepherd's pie. • 20 Main St., Colchester, (inishmorpub.com). Open daily. L D LS $$, E

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Kensington's at The Spa at Norwich Inn • ***American*** A first-class restaurant serving gourmet food with an emphasis on natural meats, fresh, locally sourced produce and healthy preparations. • 607 West Thames St., Norwich, (860) 425-3630 (thespaatnorwichinn.com). Open daily. B L D SB, $$$, E, WA

Kitchen Little • ***American*** Enjoy a panoramic view of the Mystic River while dining on eggs Benedict, omelets and other savory egg dishes at this breakfast destination. • 36 Quarry Rd., Mystic (kitchenlittle.org). Open daily for breakfast. B L (Mon.-Fri.) SB, $

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The Old Lyme Inn • ***American*** The Inn's restaurant and bar features a locally sourced menu with a modern twist on traditional dishes. • 85 Lyme St., Old Lyme, (860) 434-2600 (oldlymeinn.com). Open daily. L D, $$$, WA

Oyster Club • ***American*** This popular place showcases food that travels the shortest distance from farm and sea to table, with seasonality and location determining the day's dishes. • 13 Water St., Mystic, (860) 415-9266 (oysterclubct.com). Closed Tues. L (Sat.) D SB, $$, WA

Paragon • ***American*** This 24th floor aerie is Foxwoods' showpiece, with a menu that highlights organic produce and meats: crispy wild boar meatballs and Dover sole with beurre noir. • Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, (800) 312-3000 (foxwoods.com). Closed Mon.-Tues. D, $$$, WA

Red 36 • ***American*** It's all about the sea at this waterside hotspot that offers dinner with a view. • 2 Washington St., Mystic, (860) 536-3604 (red36ct.com). Closed Mon. L D, $$

S&P Oyster Co. • ***Seafood*** Serving traditional New England seafood with a South American flair. Enjoy oysters on the half shell, PEI mussels, fresh cuts of fish and Creekstone Farms steaks grilled over hardwoods. • 1 Holmes St., Mystic, (860) 536-2674 (sp-oyster.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Tolland County

Altnaveigh Inn & Restaurant • ***American*** This 1734 farmhouse serves filet mignon with port-wine reduction demiglace and pan-seared tuna with onion marmalade. • 957 Storrs Rd., Storrs, (860) 429-4490 (altnaveighinn.com). Closed Sun.-Mon. L (Tues.-Fri.) D, $$$, WA

Angellino's Restaurant • ***Italian*** There's plenty to like at Angellino's, including penne Augustino with artichoke hearts, sun-dried tomatoes and garlic. • 135 Storrs Rd., Mansfield, (860) 450-7071; 346 Kelly Rd., Vernon, (860) 644-7702 (angellinos.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Asian Bistro • ***Asian Fusion*** A popular hibachi steak house/bar offering Asian-fusion dishes along with sushi and sashimi. • 95 Storrs Rd., Mansfield, (860) 456-8316 (asianbistromansfield.com). Open daily. L D, $$, WA

Bidwell Tavern • ***American*** This 1822 Coventry tavern, once the town hall, offers prime rib, chicken wings and 24 beers on tap. • 1260 Main St. (Rte. 31), Coventry, (860) 742-6978. Open daily. L D LS, $$, E, WA

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Georgina's Italian Restaurant • ***Italian*** Warm and inviting—try the calamari appetizer, chicken Athena, lasagna and chicken parmigiano. • 275 Boston Tpke., Bolton, (860) 647-0345 (georginasrestaurant.com). Closed Mon. L D, $$, WA

Lakeview Family Restaurant • ***Fresh Seafood/Italian*** Fresh seafood, Italian dishes, paninis, salads, burgers and wings are served in a casual, romantic waterside setting. • 50 Lake St., Coventry, (860) 498-0500 (coventrylakeview.com). Open daily. L D, $$, E, WA

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Tavern House Grill • ***American*** This pub-style sports bar features live entertainment and regular karaoke events. On the menu: steaks, burgers, grilled sandwiches and wings. • 200 Merrow Rd., Tolland, (860) 872-0332 (tavernhousegrill.com). Open daily. L D SB, $, E, WA

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Del Frisco's Grille, Stamford Features local ingredients alongside new classics that are easy to share with friends: oven-baked flatbreads, cheesesteak egg rolls, and ahi tacos. The menu also includes a selection of prime steaks, hearty salads, formidable sandwiches and chef-inspired entrées. *(203) 890-9601, delfriscosgrille.com.*

Old World Italian Buffet, Southington All you can eat buffets are often eat-at-your-own-risk, quantity-over-quality establishments but a new popup from chef Ralph Secondo is hoping to turn that stereotype on its head. Enjoy this Italian buffet Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the Hearthstone Pub. *(860) 628-0877, hearthstonepub.com.*

Carlo's Bake Shop, Mohegan Sun Celebrity pastry chef, Buddy Valstro, who spearheaded the recent custom cake craze, has brought his eleventh Carlo's Bake Shop location to Connecticut. This is the first Carlo's Bake Shop in New England and features the Italian pastries and specialty cakes the shop is known for. *(860) 862-9270, carlosbakery.com.*

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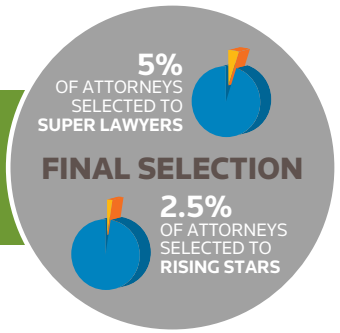

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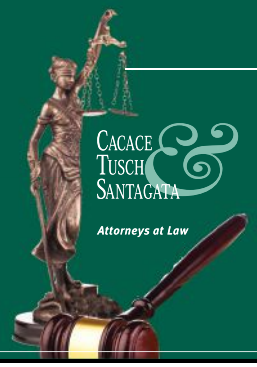

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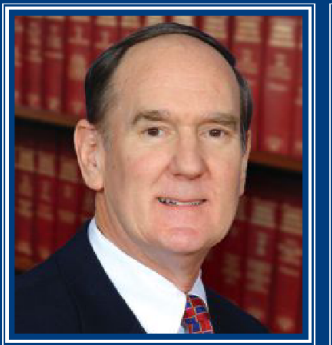

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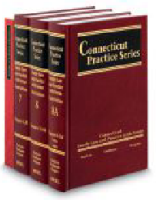

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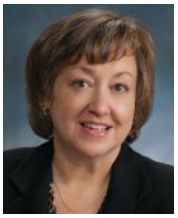

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housing. No matter the ultimate use, however, these renovated spaces frequently seem to have a retro, Brooklyn-esque vibe that makes them havens for artists and creators working in different fields.

"Jane Jacob's famously said new ideas need old buildings," Sullivan says. "There's something to being in a place where there's heritage and authenticity, where there's been work done for two or three hundred years, and being part of that legacy gets the creative juices firing for a lot of different people. That's one of the reasons people like working in and living in converted factories."

This is certainly true of Hockanum Mill, where history has literally imprinted itself on the floor. "You can see in there the grooves of where the factory workers stood while they were working the various machines. They stood there so long over so many years that their boots ground little boot prints into the wood," says Sullivan, who is familiar with many of the historic sites under development in the state.

But the Vernon mill is not the only place enriched by the ghosts of workers past. The Velvet Mill in Stonington is a hipster wonderland of history and innovation. Originally built in 1888, renovations began at the former velvet-manufacturing site about a decade ago. Today it is a commercial space that has the feel of an ultra-cool shopping mall, minus the plastic, retail-heavy atmosphere. It is home to a creative mix of artists and businesses including Beer'd Brewing Co., Biologic (which serves organic juices and smoothies), Zest (a bakery serving fresh pastries) and fine cheese makers Cheese Boro Whey.

Eric Pivco, the mill's managing partner, got involved with the property about six years ago. At that time he wanted to transform it into a destination spot. "I wanted it to become more relevant," he recalls. A few years ago, Beer'd Brewing Co. chose the site as a location. The award-winning brewery attracted beer geeks from far and wide, which helped boost traffic within the site says Pivco. Now the mill hosts the Stonington Farmer's market during colder months as well as a flea market on Sunday mornings in the summer.

Connecticut provides state funding for factory redevelopments by offering grants to municipalities—which often end up owning these vacant sites by default—and low-interest loan programs for developers and businesses.

While these sites generally present large commercial spaces that are often in good shape structurally, it can cost more to develop a brownfield site then a new space because of the costs of contamination remediation.

"Brass City and Silver City and all the other places that made Connecticut part of the arsenal of democracy and part of the Industrial Revolution left behind a large legacy of contamination and addressing those issues is sometimes an

extra cost that the market can't bear," Sullivan says. "That's why we think there's a public policy rationale for making these investments."

The process of repurposing old factories is not a new one in Connecticut. Billings & Spencer Forge in Hartford—built in 1875 in Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood and a leading tool manufacturer in the region for decades—was shuttered in the 1970s. A few years afterward, it was converted for housing purposes. Today, the property is home to more than 90 affordable housing units as well as Firebox Restaurant, a community garden and The Kitchen (a farm-to-table catering business that offers job training for members of the community and operates the Kitchen Café).

Cory Fellows, senior project manager with Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc., which owns the site along with the Melville Charitable Trust, says that when the initial renovation was done, there were no historic grants or guidelines. "When the original conversion was done, there was no attempt made to honor any kind of historic preservation principles," he says. Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc., is now in the process of planning a major, historically conscientious renovation. "We're doing extensive masonry restoration work on the exterior, we're also replacing all of the windows with historic replica windows," Fellows says.

The renovations are expected to cost about $9 million and are being undertaken with federal and state historic preservation credits, as well as financing from the Department of Housing and other funding.

Cary Wheaton, executive director of Billings Forge Community Works, which runs many of the programs at the Forge, says the historic building has always been an important part of the success. "The space itself is something that we all honor and appreciate and it is a beautiful place to live," he says. "It is used to build community, where people are shopping together and eating together, and growing food together, and learning healthy eating skills, and really doing community building together."

Beyond eliminating blight, stimulating economic growth and adding new gathering points for communities, Sullivan says there's another, sometimes overlooked, benefit to brownfield reuse: open space conservation.

"One of the things that makes Connecticut such a special place and a great place to live is the balance between developed areas and open space, farmland and parks and forests," he says. "Revitalizing brownfields is critical to maintaining that balance. If you care about job creation and economic growth, and also about preserving open space, preserving farmland, preserving parkland, you've got to care about brownfield redevelopment because these are the sites where you can reactivate previously developed sites and it takes pressure off of open land but also allows you to create jobs and create economic activity."

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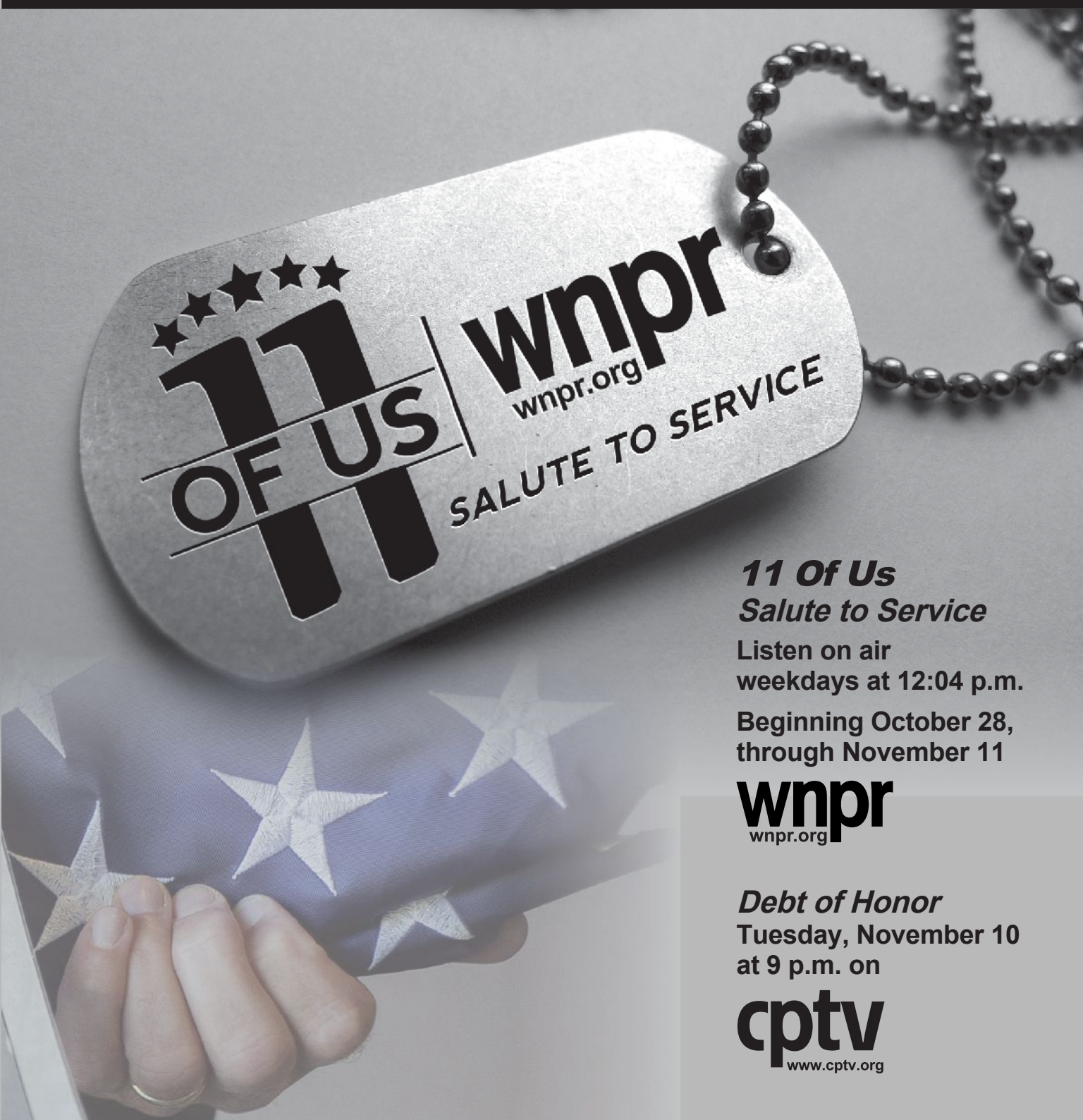

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month, I discussed how our organization adopted a new vision and strategy to reimagine the future of public media in Connecticut. A key piece of implementing this new vision is to create statewide media production capabilities to meet the growing need for high-quality content in the ever-changing digital media landscape.

To that end, I am pleased to announce the formation of a new partnership with South Norwalk-based Palace Productions. The new joint venture is called Palace Productions MediaVision (PPMV). Palace Productions and MediaVision, the for-profit arm of Connecticut Public Broadcasting Inc., both have 30-year proven track records, offering strategic marketing communications, design and media production services to both local and national companies. This new partnership should serve as the foundation for an innovation and advanced media center, which is a component of our new vision.

PPMV is a necessary piece of our organization's evolving plan to engage the statewide community in more powerful ways through the creation of increased local content across all media platforms. We are thrilled to offer expanded design, production, post-production and live event services to a growing clientele of corporate communicators, branding professionals and creators of digital content.

While our organization's largest source of revenue comes from individual contributors (members), it is not the only source. We also enjoy corporate and foundation support; 5 percent of our annual budget is federal support (we receive no direct state funding); and this new partnership is an important source of funding as well.

In fact, partnerships like this one help enable us to keep bringing our audiences the quality public media content they have come to rely on us for. Of course, the support of you, our members, is clearly also vital to making this happen. As always, we thank you for helping us to expand and innovate in more exciting new ways than ever before!

Jerry Franklin
President and CEO, Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network

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Earth's Natural Wonders
Wednesdays at 8 p.m.
Beginning November 4 on CPTV

Explore some of the most extraordinary places on the planet in this three-part series. Visit six continents to learn how these natural wonders evolved and the challenges their inhabitants face.

The Raising of America | CPTV Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, November 17 at 8 p.m. on CPTV

Through the stories of children and their families, learn about what stands in the way of child developmental progress in America. Plus, CPTV presents a special Town Hall meeting, where a panel of early childhood experts and studio audience members discuss the issues raised in the documentary.

Debt of Honor: Disabled Veterans in American History
Tuesday, November 10 at 9 p.m. on CPTV

Take an unflinching look at the reality of warfare and disability through interviews with prominent disabled veterans. These sacrifices are also brought to life through hundreds of carefully curated still images and archival footage from across the country. Veterans interviewed include Representative Tammy Duckworth, former Georgia Senator Max Cleland, and J.R. Martinez.

Eddie Murphy: The Mark Twain Prize
Monday, November 23 at 9 p.m. on CPTV

Dave Chappelle, Whitney Cummings, Kathy Griffin, and more gather in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall to salute Eddie Murphy, recipient of the 18th annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. Previous winners include Carol Burnett, Billy Crystal, and Richard Pryor.

The Water Life Cycle: Cleaning Wastewater for the Future
Tuesday, November 24 at 8 p.m. on CPTV

This original CPTV documentary explores the history and science of wastewater treatment at the MDC and showcases the Clean Water Project - a massive effort currently underway to upgrade and improve the Greater Hartford Region's sewer infrastructure.

The Pilgrims: American Experience
Tuesday, November 24 at 10 p.m. on CPTV

Discover the harrowing and brutal truths behind the Pilgrims' arrival in the New World and the myths of Thanksgiving. Director Ric Burns explores the history of the nation's beginnings in this epic tale of converging forces.

All Equals One: The Story of ECSU Rugby: A CPTV Original
Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. on CPTV Sports

During the 2014 season, a former player and a current player of the Eastern Connecticut State University rugby team passed away in two separate incidents. Hear from Assistant Coach Aramini and his team as they discuss how they overcame such tragic adversity.

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Hosted by David Greene, Host of NPR's *Morning Edition*

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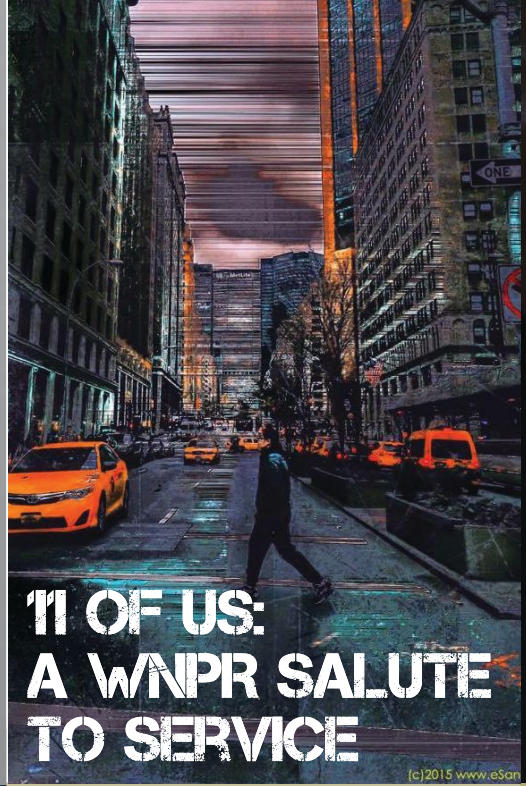


Bottom left: Gil Sanborn folds an American flag quilt given to him by his "adopted platoon".

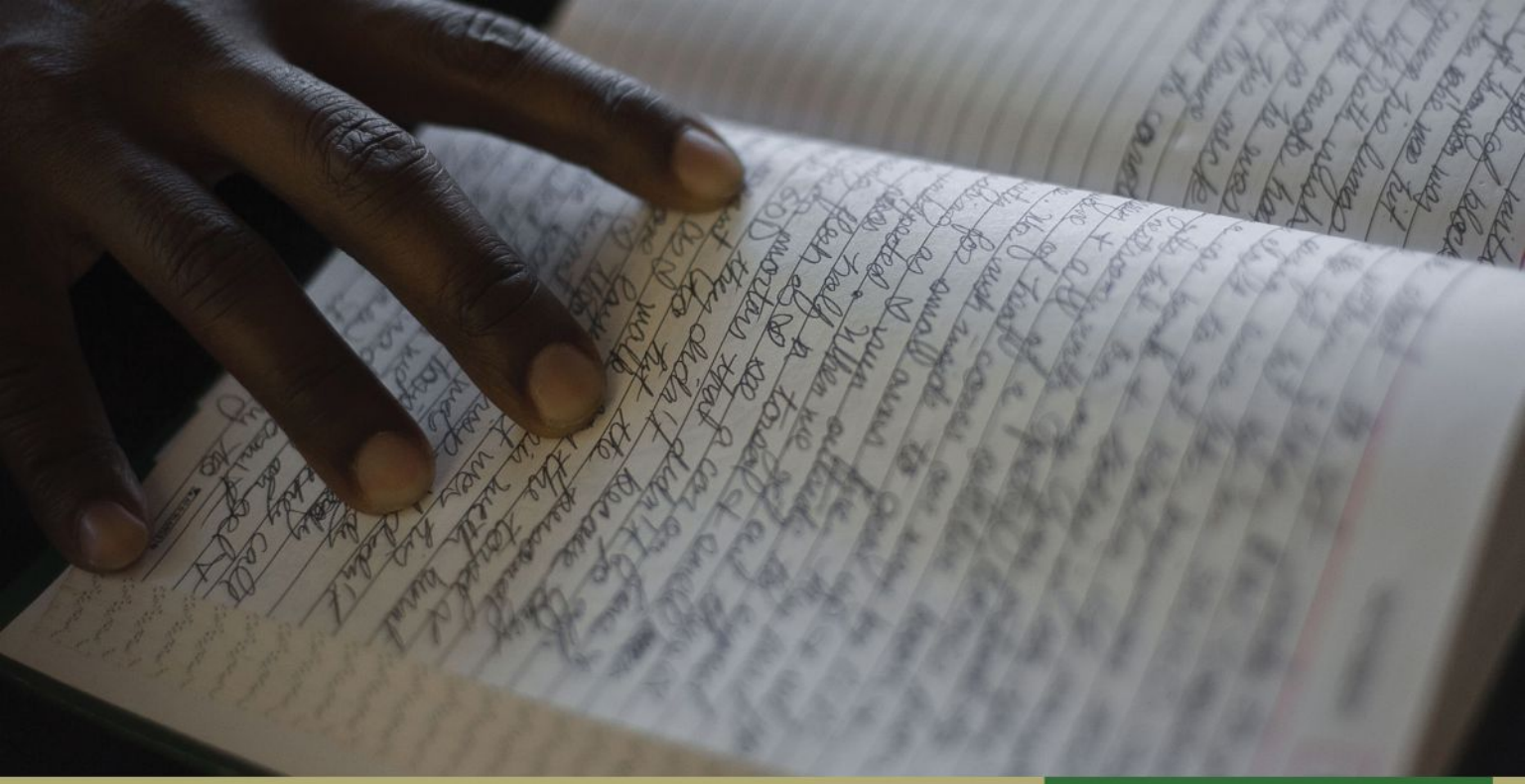
Top right: Ed Santos, veteran/ mobile artist, shares one of his pieces for *11 of Us*.

There are, undoubtedly, countless stories to uncover and share, but WNPR is starting with these 11.

Stories have power. They can spark laughter, tears, deep appreciation, and even understanding. They can be raw with emotion or serve as a therapeutic tool for recovery. WNPR listeners can hear stories from around the world whenever they flip on their radios. This November, the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN) will shine a light on a new set of storytellers: Connecticut veterans and their communities.

CPBN's Institute for Advanced Media (IAM), a private vocational training school for adults and the home of the Veterans Vocational Training Program, has teamed up with WNPR to honor these heroes through the *11 Of Us* campaign. Beginning on October 28 and continuing through Veterans Day on November 11, WNPR will air one compelling story of an individual connected to the veteran community each weekday, told in his or her own words. Listeners will hear stories of triumph, hardship, and how these military experiences shaped each of their lives.

"Veterans and veteran service organizations often go about their



work without much recognition, and yet they provide excellent care and support to our country," says IAM manager Mike Komrosky. "*11 of Us* is an opportunity for CPBN and WNPR to highlight these unheard stories. The goal is to bring awareness to the countless veterans and veteran service organizations in Connecticut that continue to go above and beyond the call of duty and serve our country and communities."

From a World War II Army Medic to a Gold Star Mother who lost her son, these stories will recount the sacrifices made by veterans, their families, and others who have dedicated their professional lives to veteran organizations throughout Connecticut. Several will also share how they have worked to transition and build their lives once they re-entered the civilian world through art, entrepreneurship, and advocacy.

It is CPBN's hope that through these stories, listeners will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the veteran population as well as more about how to help.

To hear these stories, tune in to **WNPR at 12:04 p.m. each weekday** beginning October 28. More information can be found at wnpr.org/11-of-us.

To find out more about IAM, go to ctlearninglab.org/adults.

Pictured above from left to right:

- **Commissioner Sean M. Connolly, Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, US Army**
- **Gulaid Ismail, USMC/entrepreneur**
- **Mike Zacchea, USMC/UConn EBV/Veterans Chamber of Commerce**

CLOTHING DRIVE

In support of the *11 of US* radio campaign, CPBN is hosting a clothing drive for veterans and their families in need in the Connecticut community.

CPBN's Education department's goal is to collect over 1,111 pounds of warm-weather clothing for adults in all sizes. It is requested that this clothing be new, with the tags still attached.

This collection campaign is now underway and will end on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015.

Donations will be accepted at CPBN's offices - 1049 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06105-2411; Attn. Mike Komrosky.

Can't make it to Hartford? CPBN is also accepting donations of giftcards to purchase new clothing for veterans.

For more information on how to help, visit wnpr.org/ll-of-us.

Prime Time | November 1-6

- CPTV Original, CPTV National Production or Presentation or CPTV Co-production indicated in blue font.
- Program or episode premiere indicated by a (P). Live broadcasts indicated by a (L).
- Asterisk indicates that show begins prior to 8 p.m.; two asterisks indicate that show ends after 12 a.m. Visit CPTV.org/schedule for exact start and end times.
- CPTV Sports schedule subject to change due to game cancellations and durations.

SUN | 1	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Home Fires on Masterpiece (Part 5 of 6) (P) Frances welcomes an evacuee.		Indian Summers on Masterpiece (Part 6 of 9) (P) A mountaineer makes trouble.		The Guilty (Part 2 of 3) (P) DCI Brand is not convinced they've found the killer.		Shetland - Dead Water (Part 1 of 2) A journalist acquaintance of Perez dies in a car accident.	
CPTV4U	Infinity Hall Live - The Robert Cray Band		Austin City Limits - Gary Clark		Live from Lincoln Center - Danny Elfman's Music from the Films of Tim Burton			
CPTV Sports	Boys HS Soccer*	The Living Dream: 100 Years of Rocky Mountain National Park (P) Learn about the park's history.			Globe Trekker - West Texas Austin and the Alamo are explored.		Homestretch: Race Horse Rescue	
MON | 2	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	Antiques Roadshow - Tulsa, Part 2 A 1960 first-edition *To Kill a Mockingbird* is appraised.		Antiques Roadshow - Chicago, Part 3 (P) Discoveries include a 1989 Keith Haring graffiti art.		I'll Have What Phil's Having - Los Angeles (P) The oldest farmers market in the city is showcased.		Sandwiches That You Will Like Restaurants and stands that serve unique sandwiches are profiled.	
CPTV4U	Nature - Pets: Wild at Heart: Secretive Creature		Nature - My Bionic Pet Amazing prosthetics help disabled animals.		Kangaroo Dundee A rare insight into these unusual animals is given.		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	HS Football* (Start: 5:30 p.m.)	Girls HS Volleyball - Morgan/Haddam-Killingworth			Ultimate Restorations - Lysander: Canada's Unsung Hero		The Legend of Pancho Barnes	
TUE | 3	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	Everyday Miracles - Away (P) Topics include bicycles, exploding glass, and levitation.		1964: American Experience This film follows some of the most prominent figures of the time and brings out from the shadows the actions of ordinary Americans who began to change the country.				Frontline - Terror in Little Saigon (P) Attacks on Vietnamese-American journalists are examined.	
CPTV4U	Home Fires on Masterpiece (Part 5 of 6)		Foyle's War - Trespass A prominent Jewish man's son is assaulted.			Theater Talk	Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	Going, Going, Gone*	HS Football - Harding/Capitol Prep						Film School Shorts
WED | 4	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	Earth's Natural Wonders - Extreme Wonders (P) (See page 111)		NOVA - Making North America : Origins (P) How forces gave birth to the continent of North America.		The Brain with David Eagleman - How Do I Decide (P) Learn how the brain navigates decisions.		Everyday Miracles - Away (See CPTV, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m.)	
CPTV4U	Antiques Roadshow - Chicago (Part 3)		Antiques Roadshow - Rapid City (Part 3)		Road to Andersonville (P)		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	Beyond the Beat	HS Football - Windsor/Wethersfield						Film School Shorts
THU | 5	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	Edward & George: Two Brothers, One Throne The story of two infamous British brothers is detailed.		The Dr. Blake Mysteries - Someone's Son, Someone's Daughter		A Place to Call Home - The Prodigal Daughter Sarah discovers a scandalous Bligh family secret.		Ask This Old House	This Old House
CPTV4U	Helen of Troy Bettany Hughes travels across the eastern Mediterranean to sort the truth from the myths of Helen.				Finding Refuge (P) One woman prompts a renewal in pride.		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	HS Field Hockey - New Canaan/ Cheshire* (Start: 7:30 p.m.)		Medicine Game Two brothers play lacrosse for Syracuse University.		HS Football - Windsor Locks, Granby, Suffield/Ellington			
FRI | 6	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	Midsomer Murders - Who Killed Cock Robin (Part 2 of 2) Barnaby faces a long-standing adversary.		Shetland - Dead Water (Part 2 of 2) (P) Another murder is discovered by the team.		Infinity Hall Live - Deer Tick John McCauley fronts an alternative rock band with a captivating sound.		Great Performances - Chita Rivera: A Lot of Livin' To Do (P) The legend performs in this special.	
CPTV4U	NOVA - Sinkholes: Buried Alive A worldwide hazard is investigated.		Everyday Miracles - Home Common objects are examined.		Everyday Miracles - Away (See CPTV, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m.)		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	HS Football - Masuk/Brookfield* (L) (Start: 6:30 p.m.)		8: Ivy League Football and America Archival footage and interviews paint the history of ivy league football.				Trick Shot Pool	In Focus

Prime Time | November 7-12

SAT|7	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Member's Choice* (Start: 7:30 p.m.)		Movie Classics - West Side Story (P) Two teenagers from rival New York City gangs fall in love, but tensions between their respective friends are high and may cause tragic consequences.					Classic Hollywood Musicals**
CPTV4U	Masterpiece Mystery! Endeavour, Season 2 - Trove			Masterpiece Mystery! Wallander, Series III - The Dogs of Riga			Shetland - Dead Water (Part 2 of 2) (See CPTV, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m.)	
CPTV Sports	HS Football - Harding/Capitol Prep* (Start: 6:30 p.m.)			Boys HS Soccer - Berlin/Plainville			Medicine Game (See CPTV Sports, Nov. 5, 9 p.m.)	

SUN|8	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Home Fires on Masterpiece (Part 6 of 8) (P) Alison tries to escape her troubles before the jig is up.		Indian Summers on Masterpiece (Part 7 of 9) (P) A murder victim is found, and a suspect confesses.		The Guilty (Part 3 of 3) (P) DCI Brand works to fight her motherly instincts.		Shetland - Dead Water (Part 2 of 2) (See CPTV, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m.)	
CPTV4U	Broadway in the Hood		Austin City Limits - TV on the Radio/The War on Drugs		OnStage In America - Honky (P) This comedic stage satire by Greg Kalleres focuses on racism, consumerism, and political correctness.			
CPTV Sports	Boys HS Soccer - Somers/Suffield			Not Yet Begun to Fight (P) Veterans go fly-fishing.		POV - Brooklyn Castle A look at how chess became a public school's unlikely inspiration for academic success.		

MON|9	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Antiques Roadshow - Tulsa, Part 3 A Ming Dynasty cast bronze guardian figure is looked at.		Antiques Roadshow - Junk in the Trunk 5, Part 1 (P) NASA signed photos are appraised.		World War II: Saving the Reality (P) Tour the largest private collection of World War II memorabilia.		Independent Lens - Stray Dog** (P) A Vietnam veteran is dedicated to helping others.	
CPTV4U	Nature - My Life as a Turkey A writer raises wild turkeys.		Nature - Cracking the Kola Code		Kangaroo Dundee (See CPTV, Nov. 2 at 10 p.m.)		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	HS Football* (Start: 6 p.m.)	Angle of Attack (Part 1 of 2) Men and women "earn their Wings."		Angle of Attack (Part 2 of 2)		Makers - Women in War		Generations of Honor...** (P)

TUE|10	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Iwo Jima - From Combat to Comrades (P) Survivors of the battle return for a Reunion of Honor.		Debt of Honor: Disabled Veterans in American History (P) (See page 111)		Out On a Limb The evolution of prosthetics and advancements in robotics are explored.		World War II: Saving the Reality (See CPTV, Nov. 9 at 10 p.m.)	
CPTV4U	Home Fires on Masterpiece (Part 6 of 8)		Foyle's War - Elise After an assassination attempt on Hilda Pierce, Foyle examines her activities.			Theater Talk	Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	Boys HS Soccer - Pomperaug/ Naugatuck* (Start: 7:30 p.m.)		HS Football - Southington/Glastonbury					Souza on the Rez

WED|11	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Earth's Natural Wonders - Wonders of Water (P) (See page 111)		NOVA - Making North America: Life (P) The evolution of life in North America is examined.		The Brain with David Eagleman - Why Do I Need You? (P) See how the brain relies on other brains.		Brains on Trial with Alan Alda - Determining Guilt (Part 1 of 2)	
CPTV4U	Antiques Roadshow - Tulsa (Part 2)		Antiques Roadshow - Tulsa (Part 3)		World War II: Saving Reality (See CPTV, Nov. 9 at 10 p.m.)		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	Boys HS Soccer - Farmington/ Glastonbury* (Start: 7:30 p.m.)		HS Football - Masuk/Brookfield					Generations of Honor...**

THU|12	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	The Real Bob Steele: CT's Radio Legend	Doc Martin's Portwenn (P)	The Dr. Blake Mysteries - The Heart of the Matter (P) A murder mystery involves the Town Council.		A Place to Call Home - The Welcome Mat Olivia's health takes a turn for the worse.		Ask This Old House	This Old House
CPTV4U	JFK: American Experience (Part 1 of 2) Take a fresh look at the life of the enigmatic and mourned president.				Ladonna Harris: Indian 101 (P) The Comanche activist is profiled.		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	Boys HS Soccer - Berlin/Plainville			Navy Seals: Their Untold Story US Navy SEALs provide firsthand accounts of ticking-clock missions and clandestine operations.				Ultimate Restorations**

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Prime Time | November 13-18

FRI | 13	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Midsomer Murders - Dark Autumn (Part 1 of 2) The death of a village postman is investigated.		Shetland - Blue Lightning (Part 1 of 2) (P) DI Perez returns to his childhood home after a murder.		Infinity Hall Live - Barenaked Ladies The band brings a comical and light-hearted style to rock.		PBS Arts From Cleveland: Women Who Rock This film traces the history of female musicians.	
CPTV4U	Secrets of the Dead - The Lost Diary of Dr. Livingstone		Time Scanners - Egyptian Pyramids		Nature - My Life as a Turkey (See CPTV4U, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.)		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	HS Football - Newtown/Fairfield* (Start: 7 p.m.) (L)				Movie Classics - West Side Story** (See CPTV, Nov. 7 at 9 p.m.)			

SAT | 14	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Movie Classics - The Seven Year Itch (P) When his family goes away for the summer, a faithful husband is tempted by a beautiful neighbor. The film stars Marilyn Monroe and Tom Ewell.				Kristin Chenoweth: Coming Home (P) The Tony winner performs music from her career.		Great Performances - La Dolce Vita: The Music of Italian Cinema** (P)	
CPTV4U	Masterpiece Mystery! Endeavour, Season 2 - Nocturne			Masterpiece Mystery! Wallander, Series III - Before the Frost			Shetland - Blue Lightning (Part 1 of 2)	
CPTV Sports	HS Football - Xavier/West Haven						Not Yet Begun to Fight (See CPTV Sports, Nov. 8 at 9:30 p.m.)	

SUN | 15	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	The Lady Vanishes* (Start: 7:30 p.m.)		Indian Summers on Masterpiece (Part 8 of 9) (P) Ramu is tried for Jaya's murder.		Murder On the Home Front A pathologist uses groundbreaking forensics to solve murders during the London Blitz.			Shetland - Blue Lightning (Part 1 of 2)**
CPTV4U	First You Dream: The Music of Kander & Ebb		Austin City Limits - James Taylor		Infinity Hall Live - Ben Taylor James Taylor's son performs.		Live from the Artists Den - 5th Anniversary Special	
CPTV Sports	Girls HS Soccer - Holy Cross (Waterbury)/East Hampton			Indepentdent Lens - Indian Relay Explore this form of horse racing.		Independent Lens - Medora A basketball team struggles in a community with a crippled economy.		

MON | 16	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Antiques Roadshow - Eugene, Part 1 A Norman Rockwell painting is appraised.		Antiques Roadshow - Junk In The Trunk 5, Part 2 (P) *Fantasia* drawings are discovered.		Keys to the Sky This documentary details Pratt & Whitney's place in aviation history.		Earthrise: Apollo 8 and the First Lunar Voyage Interviews take viewers inside the space race.	
CPTV4U	Nature - Moment of Impact: Hunters & Heards		Nature - Moment of Impact: Jungle		Nature - A Sloth Named Velcro A sloth and a journalist bond.		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	HS Football - Newtown/Fairfield* (Start: 6 p.m.)		We Served Too: The Story of the Women's Airforce Service... (P)		Breaking Through the Clouds: The First Women's National Air Derby			In Pursuit of Passion

TUE | 17	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Raising of America (P) This documentary seeks to reframe how people see child development.		Raising of America: A CPTV Town Hall Meeting A panel discusses the documentary.		Frontline - Supplements and Safety (P) The hidden dangers of vitamins are investigated.		Frontline - Gunned Down: The Power of the NRA Take a look inside the politics of the NRA.	
CPTV4U	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace Hampton Court is explored.		Wolf Hall on Masterpiece (Part 1 of 6)		The Great Fire (Part 1 of 4) (P) Fire errupts in a London bakery.		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	Girls HS Soccer - South Windsor/ Tolland* (Start: 7:30 p.m.)		NESCAC Football - Wesleyan/Trinity					

WED | 18	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	Earth's Natural Wonders - Living Wonders (P) (See page 111)		NOVA - Making North America: Human (P) Conquering the continent came with challenges.		The Brain with David Eagleman - Who Will We Be? (P) Learn what's next for the human brain.		Brains on Trial with Alan Alda - Deciding Punishment (Part 2 of 2)	
CPTV4U	Antiques Roadshow - Junk in the Trunk 5 (Part 1 of 2)		Antiques Roadshow - Junk in the Trunk 5 (Part 2 of 2)		The Lost Pueblo Village: A Time Team America Special Presen...		Charlie Rose	
CPTV Sports	Girls HS Soccer - Ledyard/ Killingly* (Start: 7:30 p.m.)		HS Football - Newtown/Fairfield					

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Prime Time | November 19-24

THU|19	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	**Doc Martin: Revealed** Viewers get inside access to the actors and crew as they film Series 6.		**The Dr. Blake Mysteries - The Food of Love** (P) A preacher with a dark past visits town.		**A Place to Call Home - Truth Will Out** A startling discovery causes Sarah to do something unexpected.		**Ask This Old House**	**This Old House**
CPTV4U	**JFK: American Experience (Part 2 of 2)** The president is inaugurated and gives his first live televised press conference.				**Secrets of the Dead - One PM Central Standard Time**		**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**Girls HS Soccer - Barlow-Redding/Immaculate-Danbury**			**Globe Trekker - Road Trip: Andes** (P)		**Globe Trekker - Road Trip: Patagonia** (P)		**In Pursuit of Passion**

FRI|20	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	**Midsomer Murders - Dark Autumn (Part 2 of 2)** The death of a postman is investigated.		**Shetland - Blue Lightning (Part 2 of 2)** (P) Perez and Tosh examine the remains of a burnt building.		**Infinity Hall Live - America** The Grammy-winning group performs their greatest hits.		**Live From the Artists Den - Tim McGraw** The country superstar performs his hits.	
CPTV4U	**NOVA - Making of North America: Origins**		**NOVA - Making of North America: Life**		**NOVA - Making of North America: Human**		**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**HS Football - Berlin/New Britain* (Start: 7 p.m.)** (L)				**Movie Classics - The Seven Year Itch** (See CPTV, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.)			

SAT|21	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	**Movie Classics - Some Like It Hot** (P) When two musicians witness a mob hit, they flee the state disguised as women, but complications quickly arise.				**First You Dream: The Music of Kander & Ebb** (P) An all-star cast sings the pair's classic songs.		**Great Performances - Annie Lennox: Nostalgia Live in Concert**	
CPTV4U	**Masterpiece Mystery! Endeavour, Season 2: Sway** Morse and Thursday work to narrow the list of suspects.			**Masterpiece Mystery! Endeavour, Season 2: Neverland** Morse investigates more cases, including a missing boy.			**Shetland - Blue Lightning (Part 2 of 2)**	
CPTV Sports	**NESCAC Football - Wesleyan/Trinity*** (Start: 7 p.m.)			**Jim Thorpe: World's Greatest Athlete**		**Independent Lens - Indian Relay**		**Souza on the Rez**

SUN|22	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	**Secrets of Westminster** A world of intrigue and traditions is explored behind the walls of Parliament.		**Indian Summers on Masterpiece (Part 9 of 9)** (P) Madeleine gets a shock. Ramu's fate is in Ralph's hands. Aafrin makes two fateful decisions.				**Shetland - Blue Lightning (Part 2 of 2)** (See CPTV, Nov. 20 at 9 p.m.)	
CPTV4U	**Live from Lincon Center - Act One** (P) Tony Shalhoub stars in James Lapine's vivid play about the great playwright Moss Hart.					**American Masters - Marvin Hamlisch: What He Did For Love** Look back at the composer's life.		
CPTV Sports	**HS Football - Masuk/Brookfield**					**Choctaw Code Talkers** Learn of the contributions of these heroes.		**Film School Shorts**

MON|23	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	**Antiques Roadshow - Eugene, Part 3** Discoveries include an 1861 Civil War cavalry guidon.		**Eddie Murphy: The Mark Twain Prize** (P) (See page 111)			**Richard Pryor: Icon** Explore the legend's impact on comedy and this generation's top comedians.		**On Story - The Evolution of Funny** (P)
CPTV4U	**Earth's Natural Wonders - Extreme Wonders** (See pg. 111)		**Earth's Natural Wonders - Wonders of Water** (See pg. 111)		**Earth's Natural Wonders - Living Wonders** (See page 111)		**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**HS Football - Berlin/New Britain*** (Start: 6 p.m.)		**Walking the Great Divide (Part 1 of 2)**		**Walking the Great Divide (Part 2 of 2)**		**Globe Trekker - Road Trip: Andes**	

TUE|24	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	**The Water Life Cycle: Cleaning Wastewater for the Future** (P) (see page 111)		**Secrets of the Dead - Jamestown's Dark Winter** (P) A body is found at the colonial site.		**The Pilgrims: American Experience** (P) (See page 111)			
CPTV4U	**Indian Summers on Masterpiece (Part 9 of 9)*** (Starts at 7 p.m.)		**Wolf Hall on Masterpiece (Part 2 of 6)**		**The Great Fire (Part 2 of 4)** (P) Sarah is imprisoned in Newgate.		**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**CIAC Girls HS Volleyball Final (Game 1)** (P)			**CIAC Boys HS Soccer Final (Game 1)** (P)			**Globe Trekker - Road Trip: Patagonia**	

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Prime Time | November 25-30

WED|25	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CPTV	**Eddie Murphy: The Mark Twain Prize** (See page 111)			**American Masters - Mel Brooks: Make A Noise** This career-spanning film features interviews with Matthew Broderick, Nathan Lane, and others.			**Richard Pryor: Icon** (See CPTV, Nov. 23 at 10:30 p.m.)	
CPTV4U	**Antiques Roadshow - Eugene (Part 2)**		**Antiques Roadshow - Seattle (Part 2)**		**Antiques Roadshow - Seattle (Part 3)**		**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**CIAC Girls HS Volleyball Final (Game 2)*** (Start: 7:30 p.m.) P		**HS Football - Berlin/New Britain**					
THU|26	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	**Mary Tyler Moore: A Celebration** View dozens of TV clips, and hear from Moore's co-stars.		**Carol Burnett: The Mark Twain Prize** Julie Andrews, Tony Bennett, Tim Conway, Tina Fey, and others celebrate the comedic icon.				**Kristin Chenoweth: Coming Home** (See CPTV, Nov 14 at 10 p.m.)	
CPTV4U	**Secrets of the Dead - Jamestown's Dark Secret**		**The Pilgrims: American Experience** (See page 111)				**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**NESCAC Football - Wesleyan/Trinity*** (Start: 7:30 p.m.)					**8: Ivy League Football and America** (See CPTV Sports, Nov. 6 at 9:30 p.m.)		
FRI|27	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	**Midsomer Murders - Tainted Fruit (Part 1 of 2)** A local woman is found dead by her pool.		**Midsomer Murders - Tainted Fruit (Part 2 of 2)**		**Infinity Hall Live - Brett Dennen** The musician and his band jam through crowd-pleasing tunes.		**Great Museums - Soundtracks: The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum** P	
CPTV4U	**NOVA - Inside Einstein's Mind** P Einstein's ideas are examined.		**NOVA - Enstein's Big Idea** Ingenuity and human conflict surrounded Einstein's breakthrough which unleashed the power of the atom.				**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**CIAC Girls HS Volleyball Final (Game 3)** P			**Movie Classics - Some Like It Hot** (See CPTV, Nov 21. at 8 p.m.)				Film School Shorts
SAT|28	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	**Brit Floyd - Space & Time Live in Amsterdam** The Pink Floyd cover-band performs in Europe.			**Alice's Restaurant 50th Anniversary Concert** Celebrate the anniversary of Arlo Guthrie's "Alice's Restaurant Massacree."			**Suze Orman's Financial Solutions**** Learn how to make smart financial decisions.	
CPTV4U	**The Widower (Part 1 of 3)** Malcom silences his first wife.		**The Widower (Part 2 of 3)** Malcolm returns to Scotland.		**The Widower (Part 3 of 3)** Malcom evades capture again.		**Secrets of the Dead - Jamestown's Dark Secret**	
CPTV Sports	**CIAC Boys HS Soccer Final (Game 2)** P			**All Equals One: The Story of...**	**CIAC Girls HS Volleyball Final (Game 4)** P			**Choctaw Code Talkers****
SUN|29	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	**Close To You: Remembering The Carpenters*** (Start: 7:30 p.m.) The group's history is detailed.		**A Salute to Downton Abbey** Hugh Bonneville showcases high points of the show's storyline and its memorable cast of characters.			**BRAINCHANGE with David Perlmutter, M.D.**** The neurologist reveals the truth about the effects of wheat, surgar, and carbohydrates on the brain.		
CPTV4U	**Great Performances - Billy Elliott The Musical Live** P A young boy in a mining community in England journeys from the boxing ring to the ballet barre.						**Austin City Limits - Jason Isbell/ Neko Case**	
CPTV Sports	**CIAC Boys HS Soccer Final (Game 1)**			**CIAC Girls HS Volleyball Final (Game 1)**			**Film School Shorts**	**Film School Shorts**
MON|30	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
CPTV	**Brit Floyd - Space & Time Live in Amsterdam** (See CPTV, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m.)			**Great Performances - Pavarotti: A Voice for the Ages** Celebrate the talented vocalist and his career of over 50 years.			**Jacques Pepin's 80th Birthday Celebration**** Celebrate the milestone birthday of this beloved chef.	
CPTV4U	**Nature - Love in the Animal Kingdom**		**Nature - Animal Odd Couples**		**Nature - Animal Misfits**		**Charlie Rose**	
CPTV Sports	**NESCAC Football - Wesleyan/Trinity*** (Start: 7:30 p.m.)				**Ultimate Restorations - The Schooner Coronet: Racing Into...**		**Silver King: Birth of Big Game Fishing**	

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Go on wild and exciting adventures with the premieres of two new programs this November on CPTV Kids!

Debuting Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 a.m. is the new holiday special ***Wild Kratts Creature Christmas***! In this one-hour special, it is Christmas time and the Wild Kratts are taking a break from creature adventuring to celebrate. When they receive an alert that their favorite creatures are suddenly disappearing around the globe, their holiday party quickly turns into a rescue mission!

Following *Wild Kratts Creature Christmas* is the debut of the brand animated series *Nature Cat*. Premiering November 25-27 at 8:30 a.m., ***Nature Cat*** follows the adventures of Fred the house cat who dreams of exploring the great outdoors. Once his family leaves for the day, Fred transforms into Nature Cat – and he's anxious to get outside for a day of backyard excursions and discovery!

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Saturday Morning Lineup (6:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

6:30 a.m.	Peep and the Big Wide World
7:00 a.m.	Wild Kratts
7:30 a.m.	Thomas & Friends
8:00 a.m.	WordWorld
8:30 a.m.	Biz Kid$
9:00 a.m.	SciGirls
9:30 a.m.	Dream of Italy
10:00 a.m.	Rick Steves' Europe
10:30 a.m.	Fringe Benefits
11:00 a.m.	Painting the Town
11:30 a.m.	Ultimate Restorations

Sunday Morning Lineup (6:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

6:30 a.m.	Peg + Cat
7:00 a.m.	Curious George
7:30 a.m.	The Cat in the Hat
8:00 a.m.	Wild Kratts
8:30 a.m.	Design Squad
9:00 a.m.	Charlie Rose: The Week
9:30 a.m.	Religion & Ethics Newsweekly
10:00 a.m.	Washington Week
10:30 a.m.	Start Up
11:00 a.m.	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
11:30 a.m.	To the Contrary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:00 p.m.	McLaughlin Group
12:30 p.m.	Live From Lincoln Center - Danny Elfman's Music from the Films of Tim Burton
2:30 p.m.	Vampires of New England
3:30 p.m.	NOVA - Animal Mummies
4:30 p.m.	Hometime
5:00 p.m.	Ask This Old House
5:30 p.m.	This Old House
6:00 p.m.	Secrets of the Dead - Vampire Legend
7:00 p.m.	The Dr. Blake Mysteries - All That Glitters

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:00 a.m.	Ultimate Restorations
12:30 p.m.	Growing a Greener World
1:00 p.m.	The Victory Garden's Edible Feast
1:30 p.m.	Baking with Julia
2:00 p.m.	America's Test Kitchen
2:30 p.m.	Cook's Country Kitchen
3:00 p.m.	Martha Stewart's Cooking School
3:30 p.m.	Martha Bakes
4:00 p.m.	Jaques Pepin: Heart & Soul
4:30 p.m.	Simply Ming
5:00 p.m.	Lida's Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	Garden Smart
6:00 p.m.	Hometime
6:30 p.m.	Ask This Old House
7:00 p.m.	This Old House
7:30 p.m.	Members Choice

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

12:00 p.m.	McLaughlin Group
12:30 p.m.	On Story
1:00 p.m.	Great Performances - Chita Rivera: A Lot of Livin' To Do
2:00 p.m.	Movie Classics - West Side Story
4:30 p.m.	Hometime
5:00 p.m.	Ask This Old House
5:30 p.m.	This Old House
6:00 p.m.	Edward & George: Two Brothers, One Thone
7:00 p.m.	The Dr. Blake Mysteries - Someone's Son, Someone's Daughter

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11:30 a.m.	Ultimate Restorations
12:30 p.m.	Growing a Greener World
1:00 p.m.	The Victory Garden's Edible Feast
1:30 p.m.	Baking with Julia
2:00 p.m.	America's Test Kitchen
2:30 p.m.	Cook's Country Kitchen
3:00 p.m.	Martha Stewart's Cooking School
3:30 p.m.	Martha Bakes
4:00 p.m.	Jaques Pepin: Heart & Soul
4:30 p.m.	Simply Ming
5:00 p.m.	Lida's Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	Garden Smart
6:00 p.m.	Hometime
6:30 p.m.	Ask This Old House
7:00 p.m.	This Old House
7:30 p.m.	Ask This Old House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:00 p.m.	McLaughlin Group
12:30 p.m.	Debt of Honor: Disabled Veterans in American History
1:30 p.m.	Out On A Limb
2:30 p.m.	Movie Classics - The Seven Year Itch
4:30 p.m.	Hometime
5:00 p.m.	Ask This Old House
5:30 p.m.	This Old House
6:00 p.m.	Doc Martin's Portwenn
6:30 p.m.	The Dr. Blake Mysteries - The Heart of the Matter
7:30 p.m.	The Lady Vanishes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

11:30 a.m.	Ultimate Restorations
12:30 p.m.	Growing a Greener World
1:00 p.m.	The Victory Garden's Edible Feast
1:30 p.m.	Baking with Julia
2:00 p.m.	America's Test Kitchen
2:30 p.m.	Cook's Country Kitchen
3:00 p.m.	Martha Stewart's Cooking School
3:30 p.m.	Martha Bakes
4:00 p.m.	Jacques Pepin: Heart & Soul
4:30 p.m.	Simply Ming
5:00 p.m.	Lida's Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	Garden Smart
6:00 p.m.	Hometime
6:30 p.m.	Ask This Old House
7:00 p.m.	This Old House
7:30 p.m.	All Equals One: The Story of ECSU

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:00 p.m.	McLaughlin Group
12:30 p.m.	World War II: Saving the Reality
1:30 p.m.	Movie Classics - Some Like It Hot
3:30 p.m.	First You Dream: The Music of Kander & Ebb
4:30 p.m.	Hometime
5:00 p.m.	Ask This Old House
5:30 p.m.	This Old House
6:00 p.m.	Doc Martin - Revealed
7:00 p.m.	The Dr. Blake Mysteries - The Food of Love

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

11:00 p.m.	Effortless Healing with Dr. Joseph Mercola
12:30 p.m.	The Power of Purpose
2:00 p.m.	On the Psychiatrist's Couch with Dr. Daniel Amen
4:00 p.m.	Jacques Pepin's 80th Birthday Celebration
5:30 p.m.	Aging Backwards with Miranda Esmonde White
6:30 p.m.	The Hit Men: Live from Mohegan Sun

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

11:00 a.m.	The Fast Metabolism Revolution with Haylie Pomroy
12:30 p.m.	Brit Floyd - Space & Time Live in Amsterdam
2:00 p.m.	Songbook Standards: As Time Goes By
4:00 p.m.	Great Performances - Andrea Bocelli: Cinema
6:00 p.m.	Doc Martin - Seven Grumpy Seasons
7:30 p.m.	Close to You: Remembering The Carpenters

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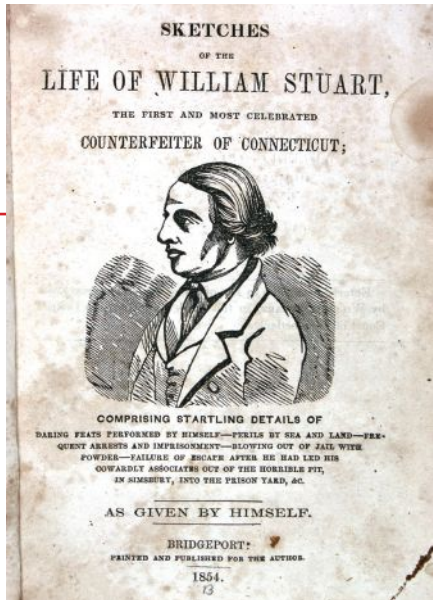
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We're not supposed to judge a book—or a person—by the cover, but sometimes it can't be helped. To wit: *Sketches of the Life of William Stuart, The First and Most Celebrated Counterfeiter of Connecticut—As Given by Himself.*

From his 1854 biography, the immodest Stuart—an incorrigible troublemaker and rogue—was an inveterate storyteller who reveled in his own bad behavior. If he perpetrated a tenth of the acts for which he takes credit, that's more than enough proof of his impropriety. Records show that he was incarcerated for a time, so he legitimately was no angel.

Stuart was born in 1789 in Wilton, where his father owned a farm and, apparently, a number of leather straps as Stuart claimed his youthful indiscretions earned repeated floggings. He tortured the schoolmaster by dumping his son in "semi-liquid manure" and tarring and feathering his cow. As a teen, Stuart was arrested after pushing a local "bad" girl by the (working?) name of Poll Rider into a ripped featherbed and then into a fire, which burned off her hair.

Stuart turned to counterfeiting early, hammering sixpences into shillings and then turning shillings into quarters. He also fashioned quarters out of melted pewter, but eventually became involved in a new kind of counterfeiting. At the time, there was no official federal paper currency—each state had chartered banks that issued notes. Stuart learned that he could prosper by using phony bills in larger denominations to overpay for purchases and then keep the legitimate change.

Stuart took to the con immediately, exchanging hundreds in counterfeit bills for good money. Communication between local law enforcement authorities was almost nonexistent, so as long as the crafty and resourceful Stuart was careful to "spread the wealth" in different towns, he was able to evade arrest.

One time while in Philadelphia, he met a man of "doubtful reputation" named Smith who claimed that he wanted in on counterfeiting. Stuart had heard that there was a $300 reward for catching counterfeiters, so when he brought phony bank notes to Smith's home, he became suspicious when Smith departed for a few minutes; in the interim, Stuart hid his fake money in Smith's desk. When Smith returned, he was accompanied by constables who tried to arrest Stuart for counterfeiting. When they found nothing, Stuart told them with "a bold and honest face" that *Smith* was the counterfeiter and that *he* was using Stuart as a dupe! The house was searched and the bogus money was discovered. Both men were brought before a judge; Stuart was declared innocent and released. Smith, however, was found guilty and sentenced to seven years in prison.

Stuart eventually drifted to South Carolina where he met a free mixed-race man named Pomp who "looked smart for business." He convinced Pomp to go to estates where Stuart would make a show of what a prized "slave" Pomp was, and then would "sell" Pomp for a hefty amount and depart. Pomp would then escape and later rendezvous with Stuart to divide the money. The scheme earned a tidy sum but then came an occasion when Pomp didn't show. Stuart waited but assumed that Pomp had been caught. Rather than find out, Stuart figured Pomp would "want" him to go and spend the money, so he willingly obliged.

Stuart returned to Connecticut, and got married. Fond of his wife, he swore off his old ways and moved to Bridgewater, but was soon back to counterfeiting and other mischief.

When the War of 1812 broke out, the 23-year-old Stuart volunteered as an enlisting agent, exploiting the opportunity to get recruits drunk and exchange their good currency with counterfeit. He also "kept up a perpetual series of frolics" and was able to get his bad money used to pay soldiers, conveniently volunteering to inspect questionable bills.

Following the war, Stuart got caught counterfeiting and was temporarily jailed in Danbury. While incarcerated, he was promised a quarter pint of rum for every rat he caught in his cell. Stuart caught one rat, collected his drink and then pretended to dispose of it. In actuality, he kept the rodent hidden and presented it each day as a new one, thus repeatedly receiving rum.

During a visit to New York, Stuart decided to enlist in the army "to fight Indians." While training, he concocted a swindle where he would repeatedly get men to "desert" and then "recapture" them, earning a sizable reward. He then actually deserted himself before it was time to deploy, and returned to Connecticut.

A few months later while in Ridgefield, he got caught trying to pass a fake $5 note. He was arrested and again brought to court in Danbury, and this time, was sentenced to five years in East Granby's infamous New-Gate Prison, a former copper mine that had been converted into a jail. Upon his arrival, Stuart immediately went about making life miserable for the prison keeper, Captain Elam Tuller.

While serving sentences, inmates would make and sell products to offset prison costs. Stuart made barrels, but also couldn't resist falling back on his previous experience. Using pewter from the buttons of other inmates and other tools, he minted 25-cent coins, which he passed on to unsuspecting visitors. When Tuller caught the industrious cheat, Stuart declared, "I was sent here for counterfeiting, and I shall lose my skill unless I do a little at the business." To which Tuller responded, "Stuart, I believe that you are the devil."

Stuart also tried to plot a prisoner rebellion. When it came time to revolt, however, only Stuart and three other prisoners acted, with Stuart receiving numerous wounds including a musket ball fired into his groin, which would remain lodged there for the rest of his life.

Stuart eventually healed, although he pretended to be lame. In May 1825, he negotiated his release with a sympathetic Tuller and when finally free, Stuart threw down his crutches and walked out of New-Gate and into the tavern next door, where he taunted his former captor. Tuller said that had he known Stuart was faking, he would've kept him imprisoned "as long as the grass grows and water runs."

Stuart returned to Bridgewater and an honest life of farming. Before he died in 1868, he still had rum-fueled "seasons of wildness," yet never again passed any counterfeit currency.

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